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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Societies,

AUXILIARY TO THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH,

GOLDSBORO,

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PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. S., and, through them, the mission cause will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

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1. The name of this body shall be "The Annual Meeting of the W. M. S of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

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5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

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7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months notice of desired change having been given to the Central Committee.

PROCEEDINGS.

The first annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church of Goldsboro, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11th, 1891.

Miss Heck, as President of the Central Committee, presided, and conducted the devotional exercises.

A hymn was followed by a Bible reading and talk upon "Likeness to Christ." Special emphasis was placed upon the privilege and duty to follow in the Master's footsteps, and grow more and more like him in spirit and in deed.

Miss Heck led in prayer.

The meeting was declared open for the regular business.

During the singing of a hymn, the delegates were requested to come forward and report their names and the Societies which they represented.

The election of officers for the annual meeting being first in order, Mrs. Ellen Edwards was called to the chair. The ballot resulted as follows: President—Miss Fannie E. Heck, Raleigh; First Vice President—Mrs. Ellen Edwards, Goldsboro; Second Vice President—Mrs. Wm. B. Royall, Wake Forest; Secretary—Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Raleigh.

Mrs. Ellen Edwards gave a most hearty, loving welcome to all in behalf of the Lady Missionary Society of Goldsboro. She believed the meeting would inspire all, but specially the Goldsboro Society.

Miss Heck, on behalf of the visiting ladies, expressed the thanks of all present for the motherly greeting extended them. She felt that, in Mrs. Edwards, we had one in our midst to whom we could look for loving sympathy, encouragement and help in our work.

Miss F. E. Heck, as President of the Central Committee, read her report. After glancing over what had been done during the past year, she suggested enlarged plans for the work, and called special attention to its being our centennial year, in which she hoped the societies would undertake and accomplish great things towards spreading the glad tidings of the gospel of peace.

Mrs. J. A. Briggs, the Secretary of the Central Committee, submitted the report as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 1891.

Dull is the mind and heart to which times of review bring no lessons from the past to give strength for the future; if failure meets the backward glance, to learn to be up and doing to retrieve the past; if success, to thank God and take courage for more and

better work to come. As we look back and gather in to one report the results of the year's work, not failure but success meets us, for which we most gratefully thank him who has done exceedingly abundantly above all that we asked or thought.

In submitting, therefore, the following excellent annual repart, we wish to call special attention to several features of our work. And first, we would note—not because we believe it the greatest result (for the prayers, the faith, the pains that have been given, are far greater), but because it is the most tangible proof of our year's work—that our contributions this year are more than sixty per cent greater than last year. Last year we gave $1,920; this year we have given $3,129.14.

Coupled with this increase, is that of the number of societies reporting, the number this year exceeding that of last year.

These two gratifying facts prove that the societies are doing more earnest work, and that our plans of reporting are more fully understood.

Still in the matter of reporting, there is somewhat more we would ask of the treasurers of the societies. More care in the filling of report blanks, a little more promptness in sending them in, a little more care to state the object to which money is sent, would greatly lessen the work of your Secretary.

Three new items appear in this report and stand for three lines of work of unusual interest. They are the Cuban School Fund, boxes for Home Missionaries, and the Expense Fund of the Central Committee.

The first is for the support of poor Baptist girls in a school opened for them by our wise and thoughtful Diaz. He saw that these girls, denied even the limited education of the convents, must grow up in utter ignorance unless some provision was made for them by the Baptists. He, through the Home Board, threw the responsibility of making this provision on the woman's missionary societies of the South, making the opening of the school conditional on their promise to maintain in it twenty-five poor Baptist girls, thus insuring the salaries of the necessary teachers. Of this number, the societies of North Carolina are pledged for the support of three girls for this year—Raleigh having completed her amount, Leaksville working diligently at hers, and an individual number ef the Leaksville Society being responsible for the support of another.

After some delay, the school has been opened in rooms prepared for it in the Baptist church building, the old Theatre. The school is thus the special protege of the societies; and in the discussion of plans for the coming year, we trust some way may be

devised for increasing rather than diminishing North Carolina's share in it.

The second of the new items is one that greatly appeals to us and stands for warmth and comfort for our Home Mlssionaries toiling amid many privations for the cause of Christ and the preservation of the peace and prosperity of our beloved country. We refer to our boxes for home missionaries. Of these, four have been sent from Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston Sunbeams and McAlpine Grove, Robeson Association. We are assured if other Societies knew the loving and kindly thoughts that went into these boxes, and with them to the humble homes of the missionaries, to come back doubled and trebled by their grateful reception, many would undertake this work. We are glad to state that several boxes are now preparing, but more are needed.

The last item is a small one—$1.65 for the Expense Fund of the Central Committee. The expenses of the Central Committee are for postage, stationery, printing, blanks, &c., but by far the largest amount is for the publication of the *Missionary Talk*, the lowest price we have been able to obtain being $7.50 a month. In view of this expense the Committee has at times spoken of discontinuing its publication, but every such suggestion has met with strenuous objection. While this appreciation of our little paper is gratifying, bills are stern facts and must be

met. The Mission Board has hitherto paid them for us, dividing the amount between Home, State and Foreign Missions, so that our report should stand so much *minus* expenses. We are ambitious, however, to make our gifts with no minus. To accomplish this, we some months ago requested each Society to collect an expense fund of a nickle a year from each member, hoping that this, if carefully collected and reported, would cover the Committee's expenses. This small item is the beginning of that from which we hope much.

For the future we are encouraged, from the report we now submit, to entertain hopes that a year ago would have seemed the vain imaginings of an idle brain, but are now become the not unattainable goal of our desires.

For the Centennial year that is drawing near, may your Secretary report an amount that will double that which we now record as follows:

Atlantic Association—Goldsboro, $26.79; Newbern, 28.00; Beaufort, 25.00; Morehead, 20.00; Pollocksville, 4.15.

Beulah Association—Yanceyville, $33.17; Greensboro, 38.50; Reidsville, 20.00; Trinity, 5.43.

Central Association—Rolesville, $15.30; Perry's Chapel, 12.60; Wake Forest, 102.11; Sunbeams, Wake Forest, 5.56; Youngsville,

5.70; First church, Raleigh, 235.99; Ditto, Cuban fund, 129.40; Sunbeams, Youngsville, 2.05; Sunbeams, First church, Raleigh, 36.11; Missionary box, First church, Raleigh, valued at 113.00; Sunbeams, Youngsville, 2.05; Sunbeams, Little River, 3.00; Hopkins' Chapel, 4.04; Brassfield, 2.59; Cypress Chapel, 4.08.

Caldwell Association—Union, $3.48.

Chowan Association—Ebenezer, $6.00; Warwick, 10.00; Elizabeth City, 17.86; Middle Swamp, 9.48; Sawyer's Creek, 30.00; Reynoldson, 16.38; Sunbeams, Gatesville, 1.42; Providence, 15.00; Shiloh, 20 00; Shawboro, 6.00; Bear Swamp, 5.36; Sunbeams, Eureka, 1.21; Gatesville, 20.00.

West Chowan Association—Mt. Tabor, $38.83; Buckhorn, 11.30; Missionary Gardener, 6.00; Elim, 4.66; Ahoskie, 10.00; Pine Forest, 16.29.

Cape Fear Association—Southport, $7.28; Galleed, 14.25; First church, Wilmington, 178.90; Sunbeams, Wilmington, 10.00.

Eastern Association—Long Creek, $5.00; Mt. Olive, 17.04; Warsaw, 10.60; New Hope, 2.32; Sunbeams, New Hope, 1.32; Sunbeams, Enon, 8.14; Mt Holly, 6.58; Mt Gilead, 10.00; Island Creek, 2.75.

Flat River Association—Oxford Female Seminary, $35.74; Henderson, 58.80; Bethel Hill, 4.80; Oxford, 30.45; Corinth, 24 41.

King's Mountain Association—Shelby, $34.65.

Liberty Association—Kernersville, $2.30.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association—Young Ladies' Society, Charlotte, $36.00; Olivet, 23.25; First church, Charlotte, $60.70; Missionary box, Charlotte, value, 40.00.

Mt. Zion Association—Berea, $5.20; Chapel Hill, 5.00; Bethel, 11.71; Lystra, 21.08; Sunbeams, Durham, 24.55; First church, Durham, 267.40; Chapel Hill, 5.00; Mt. Moriah, 1.15.

Pilot Mountain Association—Leaksville, $20.02; Cuban fund, Leaksville, 6.00; Kernersville, 2.00; Sunbeams, First church, Winston, 25.00; Mt. Pisgah, 20.50; First church, Winston, 16.25; two Sunbeam Societies, Winston, missionary box, value, 16.00.

Raleigh Association—Cumberland Union, $3.00; Apex, 20.75; Inwood, 20.30; Tabernacle, 67.42; Shady Grove, 75c; Sunbeams, Apex, 12.66; Sunbeams, Franklinton, 10.75; Sunbeams, Holly Springs, 5.00; Holly Springs, 22.94; Morrisville, 19.28; White Stone, 25.00; Selma, 12.00; Green Level, 2.20.

Richmond Association — Rockingham, $20.05; Spring Hill, 34.40; Pleasant Grove, 8.42; Sunbeams, Rockingham, 5.76.

Robeson Association — Pleasant Grove, $2.25; Fayetteville, 18.79; Cedar Grove, 3.50; McAlpine's Grove, 51.62; Missionary box, McAlpine's Grove, value, 9.00; Saddle Tree, 32.47; Sunbeams, Lumberton, 35.74; Antioch, 3.80; Lumberton, 71.21; Ten Mile, 12.14;

Cheerful Hope, 1.93; Buck Swamp, 5.03; Bloomingdale, 4.70.

Sandy Creek Associat'n—Mineral Springs, $11.28; Pittsboro, 17.06; Manly, 2.25.

Tar River Association—Warren Plains, $17.31; Cypress Chapel, 2.74; Poplar Springs, 13.47; Weldon, 10.00.

Union Association—Monroe, $10.10.

South Yadkin Association—Enon, $8.14; Bethel, 4 00.

Western Convention—Hickory, $2.40; Berea, 7.25; Missionary box, Berea, value, 5.00; Riceville, 2 00.

No Association given—Mrs Kerr, Morehead, for Cuban girl, 25.00; Missionary Gardener, 13.05; Oakdale, 1.00; Hartsville, 1.00; Ralph and Cora Riggsbee, 2.50; Garysburg, 2.66.

Contributed as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,152 63
Home Missions	590 47
State Missions	290 12
Orphanage	236 66
Education	125 40
Education Louisville Seminary	20 00
Endowment Wake Forest College	5 00
No object stated	28 82
Missionary boxes, value	153 00
Expense fund	1 65
Total	$2,903 75

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Owing to the amount of work required to get a tabulated statement of our work for the year, we were compelled to close our report on Nov. 5th, 1891. Since closing it, quite a number of reports have been received, showing that the following additional amounts have been contributed as follows:

Leaksville, $2.50; Ditto, Cuban school, 3.01; Wake Forest, 51.56; Sunbeams, Wake Forest, 11.03; Newbern, 15.00; Sunbeams, Wilmington, 5.00; Mt. Vernon, 2.60; Tabernacle, 15.57; Boiling Springs, 6.50; Winston Broad Street, Sunbeams, 36.04; Rolesville, 4.23; South Carolina Lady missionary box, 5.00; Mrs. Kerr, Morehead, Cuban school, 25.00; Saddle Tree, 13.33; Fayetteville, 7.20.

Contributed as follows:

Foreign Missions	$102 04
Home Missions	40 14
State Missions	49 19
Education	7 20
Elizabeth City box for Orphanage	20 82
Total	$224 39

These amounts added to those on annual report make totals as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,554 67
Home Missions	605 61
State Missions	339 31
Orphanage	257 48
Education	132 60
Louisville Sominary education	20 00
Endowment Wake Forest	5 00
No object stated	28 82
Missionary boxes, value	183 00
Expense fund	1 65
Total	$3,128 14

Increase over last yaar, $1,207 58.

Letters written	300
Missionary Talks sent out	13,800
Prayer-cards	1,000
Missionary tracts, leaflets, etc	2,525
Mite barrels	459
New societies formed	21
Number of Societies contributing	25

The Secretary called the roll of delegates, and asked for the report from the different societies.

Miss Zoe Riggsbee of the First church, Durham, reported an increase in the contribution over last year, and closed her report with this question: "What can be done to increase the interest of church members in missions?"

Miss Nolie Burt of Holly Springs reports greater and growing interest in the work, and expressed tke desire that they might do more this year than ever before.

Mrs. T. G. Hall of Wilmington said that but half of their work was represented by their report, half of their contributions being used in city missions. They had made 1,030 visits and helped 173 cases of distress. She stated that they had little difficulty in collecting the dues, and closed with the oft-repeated question, "How can we secure better attendance at the meetings?"

Mrs. W. B. Royall of Wake Forest said the attendance in their society was generally very good. In October, at their regular meeting, a thank-offering was made, amounting to $31.60.

After transacting routine business, the meeting adjourned until Thursday ten o'clock a. m., when the special order will be "The Different Plans of Work." Prayer by Mrs. Hartwell Edwards.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 1891.

The meeting assembled at 10 o'clock, a. m. Mrs. Ellen Edwards conducted the opening exercises. The 47th Psalm was read and commented on. Earnest prayer was made for our missionaries, and also that we might realize the duty of helping them by prayers and contributions.

All present connected with the missionary societies were accorded the privileges of regular delegates.

Reports from the Societies were then made by their representatives.

Mrs. F H. Martin of Lumberton reported the members smaller in number, but that the interest and contributions on the part of the present membership had increased.

Mrs. W. B. Wingate, Greensboro: The Society meetings were held semi-monthly. In addition to regular dues, a free-will offering at each meeting was made to missions.

Mrs. J. M. Heck, First church, Raleigh: Placed special emphasis on the devotional exercises of the meetings. The new features of the year's work were sending a missionary box and collecting the necessary funds for the support of a girl in the Cuban school for one year.

Miss Venie Wilson, Pugh's: Had no regular report, but came to gain information. Hoped to send a report next year.

Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern: The work was in a favorable condition. Hoped for still better things next year.

Miss Loneria Waller, Concord: No report, the Society being just organized. Interest in the work was growing.

Miss Mollie Woods, Knapps of Reeds: Came for information. The ladies in her section were anxious to learn about missions. She thought they would begin and carry on this work, and send a report at next year's meeting.

Miss Lena Davis, Beaufort: Gave a report which showed interest and good work in the cause of missions.

Mrs. Peteway, Goldsboro: Reported most favorably of the growth and progress of that Society. A new impetus had been given them by Mrs. Ellen Edwards, whose heart is aglow with missionary interest and zeal.

Recommendations of the Central Committee for the work of the following year were read. It was agreed to consider them separately.

First recommendation: That our missionary women in our world-wide fields be presented to Woman's Missionary Societies for their support.

The discussion of this recommendation was opened by Mrs. Duffy of Newbern, who gave a sketch of our missionary women, and dwelt upon our obligation as christian women to support them.

The President stated that the increase in the contributions of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention had been so marked that they might hope soon to reach the necessary amount, viz., about $28,000 yearly.

The first recommendation was adopted.

Second recommendation: That the object of the next Christmas offering be the sending of medical missionaries to North China.

A letter was read from Miss M. E. McIntosh, President of Woman's Missionary Union, in regard to the necessity of this work.

Mrs. E. Edwards related an incident in the life of her brother, Mr. Hartwell, while a missionary in China. His wife was extremely ill and suffering inexpressible agony, which nothing they could do could relieve, and the nearest physician was fifty miles away. At that time the only means of communication was by runners, one man taking the message and running for miles, then delivering it to another, and so on, until it reached the person for whom it was intended. Thus it would be days before medical aid could be procured.

Rev. J. L. White, representative of the Baptist State Convention, by permission, made a statement in regard to State Missions. He said there was a debt now resting upon the State Mission Board amounting to $1,800, and they asked the assistance of the Woman's Missonary Societies.

Mr. White was allowed to take pledges from the representatives of the Societies. The pledges amounted to $68.00.

The regular business was resumed.

Mr. J. Hartwell Edwards was received, and continued the discussion on the Christmas offering for Northern China. He was in hearty sympathy with the Woman's Missionary Union, and desired to co-operate in the work and encourage and aid in every way in his power. The special point in the Christmas offering was to find some one willing and anxious to see the work

done. He recommended that on the first of December envelopes be distributed, not only to the members of the Woman's Missionary Societies, but to all children in the Sunday-school. Also, that a special christmas service be held, with an attractive program in which the children should take part. The crowning feature would he lacking if the children were not allowed to bring forward their own offerings and place them on a table prepared for the purpose. If this plan were carried out by the Societies, he thought $1,000 would be the Christmas offering from North Carolina.

The President, at the request of Mrs. Turner, reminded the ladies of the promise made in the spring to pray especially that medical missionaries might be sent out, and this opportunity seemed an answer to these prayers.

The recommendation was adopted.

Third recommendation: That the Woman's Missionary Societies enter heartily into the Centennial plans of the Southern Baptist Convention, and contribute largely to the building of memorial chapels in home and foreign fields.

Dr. Pritchard, member of the Centennial Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced and spoke upon the special work of the Centennial year. He stated that in looking over some old minutes

he discovered there were missionary societies among the women of North Carolina in 1816. He gave an account of the beginning of interest in Foreign Missions one hundred years ago. He stated that it was proposed to celebrate the Centennial of missions next year by sending out one hundred new missionaries and collecting a reserve fund of $25,000 for chapel building and general enlargement of the work. He asked for the aid and co operation of the Woman's Missionary Societies, in collecting this fund, and specially emphasized missionary training among the children. Attention was called to the request made by the Woman's Missionary Union that the first week in January, 1892, be set apart as a special week of prayer for missions. Mrs. J. A. Briggs moved that the recommendation be amended as follows: That the second day of October, 1892, the Centennial of the organization of the first Baptist missionary society, be observed with special Centennial exercises by all the Societies. Adopted.

Fourth recommendation: That the Woman's Missionary Societies aid in the sup port of the Home Missionaries and their families, on the frontier and elsewhere.

Mrs. Ellen Edwards spoke of the debt we owe the Indians, and of the responsiblity resting upon us to send them the gospel. The recommendation was adopted.

Fifth recommendation: That boxes of clothing and other useful articles be sent to the frontier and other needy missionaries.

An incident was told of how a colored woman who on hearing, for the first time, of the privation of a frontier missionary, asked to be allowed to send in the missionary box a new dress that had been given her.

Mrs. Edwards related an incident showing the great straights to which these missionaries were often reduced. Mrs. J. M. Heck recommended that these boxes be made thanksgiving offerings from the Societies.

Recommendation adopted with ammendment.

It was stated that letters from missionaries telling their needs could be obtained from Miss Heck of Raleigh.

Sixth recommendation: That the Cuban school for girls continue to receive the aid of the Societies.

It was stated that the support of three girls was secured for the following year, by the North Carolina Societies, and that any Society unable to support a girl in this school for a year, could send the necessary amount for her expense during, one, two or more months. The whole expense per month being only ten dollars. Recommendation adopted.

Seventh recommendation: That the claims of State Missions be presented to the So-

cieties. Mrs. Martin of Lumberton urged the ladies not to forget or overlook the necessity for State Missions, and recommended that at least one month's collection in the Societies be given to this object. She suggested May as the month for this collection, this being a time of special stringency with the Board.

Recommendation adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Newhall, returned missionary of the Northern Board, conducted the opening exercises of the afternoon session. He made an interesting talk about his work in India among the Telugus.

Dr. F. P. Bell addressed the meeting on Foreign Missions. He congratulated the Baptist women of North Carolina upon becoming a part of the Missionary Union. Also, upon having at the head of this Union such an Executive Committee as the one at Baltimore. The Christmas offerings were first requested to be appropriated to sending help to Miss Lottie Moon in North China. He mentioned her unequaled heroism in going three days' journey from any other missionaries to begin a new work. Now the Christmas collection was to be given to the same object, viz., sending reinforcements into Northern China. Through the Christmas offerings of the Woman's Missionary Societies during the last two years, eight

new missionaries have been sent out to her assistance. He referred to the proposition of the Centennial Committee to send out during the Centennial year one hundred new missionaries, explaining that the Committee hoped to find one hundred churches that would each pledge the support of one missionary for five years.

Unfinished business taken up.

Eighth recommendation: That the work be not retarded, it is earnestly commended to the attention of the Societies that suitable provision be made for the expenses of the Central Committee for postage, stationery, printing, &c. To this end, a nickle fund of five cents a year from each member is recommended.

After remarks by Mrs. J. A. Briggs and Mrs Peteway on the matter of the publication of *The Missionary Talk*, the meeting determined to continue its publication as a necessary and helpful agency in the work.

Mrs. J. J. Hall, Baptist Tabernacle, Raleigh, not being present when the Society reports were made, was granted leave to report interested meetings of that Society and increased contributions.

Ninth recommendation: Recognizing the rising generation as the strength and hope of the future church, that the vital importance of interesting children and young people now in mission effort, be specially

presented to the women of the churches. Recommendation adopted.

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The recommendations with the amendments were then adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Ellen Edwards spoke of the importance of having some who were interested and informed in regard to missions, to meet with the ladies at the Associations and induce them to undertake this work.

Resolution of thanks to the ladies of Goldsboro for their kind hospitality, and to the members of the Methodist church for the use of their beautiful house of worship, was adopted.

After prayer by Mrs. Ellen Edwards and the singing "God be with you till we meet again," the meeting adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the second Thursday in December, 1892.

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The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Tryon Street Baptist Church of Charlotte, on Friday morning, December 7, 1894.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Austin, of Charlotte.

Miss Eva Liddell extended the hospitalities of the city to the visiting ladies, Mrs. H. P. Markham, of Durham, responding in their behalf.

The following delegates reported their names to Secretary:

Mrs. E. F. Aydlett, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Wadesboro.
Mrs. L. W. Battle (Sunbeams, First Church), Durham.
Mrs. L. C. Bennett, Paris.
Miss Rosa Broughton (Tabernacle Church), Raleigh.
Mrs. T. C. Carlyle, Lumberton.
Mrs. Caudle, Rockingham.
Mrs. H. T. Chapin, Pittsboro.
Miss Cora Conrad (Sunbeams), Winston.
Mrs. Ida Crabtree, Arlington.
Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Charlotte.
Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern.
Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Fayetteville.
Miss Emma A. Tarlton, Deep Creek.
Mrs. Thomas Franklin, Charlotte.
Mrs. John K. Hankins, Lexington.
Mrs. G. P. Hamrick, Henrietta.

Mrs. W. R. Hunter, Aberdeen.
Miss Sarah Johnson (Sunbeams), Lumberton.
Mrs. M. M. Landrum, Marion.
Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte.
Mrs. Liles, Monroe.
Mrs. H. P. Markham (First Church), Durham.
Mrs. M. E. Payne, Greensboro.
Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest.
Mrs. Helen Price, Charlotte.
Mrs. L. R. Pruett (Olivet Church), Charlotte.
Miss Stover, Matthews Church.
Mrs. W. F. Williams (First Church), Raleigh.
Miss Laura Williams, Arlington.

Central Committee Delegates: Miss Fannie E. Heck, Mrs. M. T. Norris.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of Fayetteville, was called to the chair, and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Miss Fannie E. Heck, Raleigh.
First Vice-President—Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Fayetteville.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. L. C. Bennett, Paris.
Secretary—Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern.
Treasurer—Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, submitted her annual report, as follows:

RALEIGH, N. C., December 4, 1894.

My Dear Sisters:

We stand to-day one year nearer the final glorious coming of our Lord than when we

met last in annual conference. Yes, one year nearer the day when with trumpet-blast, with clouds of glory and attendant throngs of saints and angels, our Lord shall come in visible, glorious presence to claim, to rule, to judge the world in which we live. Have we, as those who look for and hasten unto this day of awful glory, of fearful rejoicing, redeemed each hour and day of the swift, passing year. Can each heart sing in sweet contentment

"One more year's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me?"

For while the great day of the Lord hastens to its coming, runs fast away our life's short span, and harvest fields, in which we may have no space to glean to-morrow, stand white in the twilight dawn of His coming.

Oh! short the day in which we may gather sheaves to bear in triumph to our Master's feet. Well may we seek to *redeem* the flying time! Where, then, in our native land, where on far distant shores, have we gathered grain for the garner of our Lord?

Well may the Apostle Peter ask, when speaking of the final coming of the Lord, "seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be?" (II Peter iii: 11.)

When we were called from darkness into light, when by belief in the Light of the World we became children of the Light, it was that we might be lights in the earth. Not in the words of Paul where he says: "For ye were some time *darkness* but now are ye *light* in the

Lord." (Eph. v: 8.) Note the words *darkness* and *light*. We were not merely in the dark, we were darkness—now we are not in the light merely, our very nature and being is light. How much broader and fuller is the meaning, that so often given, that way down within us there is a dim, dark-lantern flashing out feebly now, now flickering to the socket, now lost to sight by the thick slide of earthly cares or thoughts. God means it not so. Our whole body should be full of light, radiating out from the effulgent glory of the Spirit dwelling within. We are called to be *light*.

Around our homes are dark spots, the abiding places of sin and pollution, but few and small are these haunts of wilful blackness to the regions farther off where dense, unbroken midnight reigns. On our own frontier there is but a pale and scattered light. Here and there shines forth a faithful, feeble church serving to make the darkness around it visible. Here and there an ill-paid minister of God plods his weary way over many miles, through summer drought and wintry blast, from one far-distant church, sheltered in some rude cabin, to another houseless band. The light is faint but growing brighter. Our missionaries on the frontier baptized last year 4,470 persons and added to the churches more than eight thousand.

Look farther away, into the territory of our sister republic Mexico. Thick indeed is the darkness, for if the light that is in her, the church, be darkness, how deep is the night! Where priests mislead people and

people delude themselves with a form of godliness without the substance, what hope is there? But one: "He that followeth me," said Jesus, "shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life." (John, viii: 12.) Away with saint and priest. Bring Christ, the Light, and these, too, shall walk in light.

Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, follow the will-o'-the-wisp light of Rome, a flickering flame born of the damp and dank of earth, and leading deep into the mire of superstition and ignorance. And Rome, the heart of Italy, seated amid its Pontine Marshes, radiates these fitful, fatal lights, and throws off the fervid, feverish fumes of saint elevation and church adoration. Purify the source and the stream will be pure. Fill in the quagmires of Romanism, build highways for the Lord through the waste places of Italy, raise high the standard of true and living light in Rome, and to all countries which have felt her baneful influence, will flow light as from a newly-risen sun, and upon them shall arise the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings.

Farther yet. Peer into the darkness of Japan and China, and into Africa, the habitation of cruelty. A traveler, not a missionary, has said: "Missionaries come home, and they refrain from shocking audiences by recitals of the awful sins of the heathen and Moslem world. When traveling in Asia it struck me very much how little we knew as to how sin is enthroned and deified and worshipped. The whole continent of Asia is corrupt. It is a scene of barbarities, tortures, brutal pun-

ishments, oppression and official corruption." Yet to such Christ was prophesied as a light, to such was the Light of Life sent, to be reflected on and on in the lives of His servants until the uttermost parts of the earth shall see Him and rejoice.

Ah! the earth is dark—we know its blackuess. Let us turn to consider what we as Societies have done this year of our Lord to enlighten its gloom.

We will not pause to ask what each has done to make the light of the home church brighter, though this is one of the first tests of missionary zeal. With the light of conscience, lit at the lamp of God's word, let each review the year. Has any child of our Father, whose light burned dim, been brightened by our ray? Has any wanderer, sitting near the light, yet in the dark, been brought into its radiance? Has our church-light been brighter, farther shining, because in it were meeting, month by month a band of women praying, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?" These are questions each must answer for herself.

Your Central Committee can only tell you of results. And now, for the first time in the nine years of our history, we must utter the words—*discouragement* and *retrograde*. Success and progress came trippingly to our tongue. Year after year, since with fourteen Societies we began to endeavor to arouse the Baptist women of North Carolina to higher and better things for missions, each annual report has recorded a long step forward.

From five hundred dollars the first year to one thousand — fifteen hundred — two — three — four thousand, and almost five thousand in this Centennial year, the report increased, while the Societies grew from fourteen to two hundred and fifty.

Then came this year of retrograde. To-day, instead of bringing a report of $5,000, we bring a report of $2,574.97 !

Let us look into the causes of this sad change. In the mind of each one here a cause has already been assigned and each one answers "hard times." "Times are hard, but heathenism is harder." Year before last, when the times were almost, if not equally hard, our report was more than $3,900. One of our most valued workers, who with little means makes large gifts to missions, says: "I doubt if times are hard enough to justify giving smaller gifts to God, or if Baptist women have ever given so largely that this is a righteous plea." This may be true as a whole, or of the great two-thirds who give little or nothing to missions, but I cannot believe that there are not many among us who have made real self-denials. But of those who have given to sacrifice, given what cost them pain, I think you will agree with me in saying have been few. If, however, hard times are the great cause of this lamentable falling off, which I can hardly think in view of the large reports rendered to the convention, let us prepare to meet and overcome them in such a way that the Lord's cause be not hindered. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy

strength is small." (Prov. xxiv : 10.) Christ nowhere promises His followers easy times; but better still, His presence aud comfort in hard times. The servant is not better than his Lord, the follower greater than his Leader. Forward where He leads. Nor do we hold out to give that the work of Woman's Missionary Societies is always easy work. Were it, it would not bear the stamp of our Master, the royal signet mark of the cross. Shall we offer to the Lord what costs us nothing? No! By the power of pain and suffering Christ drew His followers onward in His steps. "If any man will come after me," said Jesus," let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke ix: 23.) By the power of the cross, we beg you to follow hard after Christ in these days of financial adversity. Sacrifice for Him who sacrificed for you—give for Him who counted not the cost for you.

Nor will such giving lack its reward. It was in the midst of hard times that God desired His people to prove Him, saying, "Bring ye all the tithes in the storehouse and prove me now herewith, if I will not open you wlndows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Let us prove God now, for He is putting each of us to proof.

First, then, let us be careful that divisions do not creep in hindering, not helping. Let us look well to the old ways ere we turn to new and untried paths. Weigh carefully every statement which would lead us to dis-

continue working in ways which have been so signally blessed of God the world over. Does one say the old way of mission work has not been a success, remind him that to-day in heathen lands the converts multiply at the rate of two hundred souls a day, 1,500 a week, 6,000 a month, 75,000 a year, 1 000,-000 in thirteen years, or nearly 3,000,000 in a generation! Is there any sign of failure here? Does another affirm that mission work can be carried on without a board, remind him of how Carey's work was feeble and ineffectual until placed under the care of a board and he himself the subject of misrepresentation and calumny.

It is said that money given is consumed in home salaries and expenses. Let our Board speak for itself and prove that of all funds received only 8.7 per cent. is used for all home expenses, of salaries, printing and postage; and, if a question may be permitted, ask how the great body of the church is to know of missions if some one is not here by word and page to stir up their minds by way of remembrance?

Let us also be careful to see that the money pledged the Society is collected. The vast majority of the Societies incorporate into their constitution that anyone becomes a member by the payment of ten cents a month, or one dollar and twenty cents a year. Each member who joins the Society is aware of this, and in becoming a member pledges herself to the payment of this amount. Why, then, shall it not be collected? It is God's

money pledged for His work. Shall we, from any false idea of delicacy, fear to ask for it? Yet we are forced to believe that were these dues faithfully collected our annnal report, without extra offerings of any kind, would amount to $4,000.

And now I wish to ask not for a *promise* but a *pledge* from every Society. To promise to try is often to fail; to pledge means certain success. The pledge is none other than this: That each Society during the coming year will double its membership either by bringing in members of its own church, by organizing a Children's Band, or by forming a Society in a neighboring church.

Hard times are with us, it seems to stay—at least there would appear to be but little promise of betterment when our staple produce brings little more than the cost of raising, and others excel us in its produce. There could not be a better hard-times measure than those I suggest. If each can give little; multiply the givers. But I urge the measure for higher reasons. If it be a hard times measure it would be the ushering in of a glorious time. When "the women that publish the tidings are a great host" (Psalm viii: 11, Revised Version), then "kings of armies shall fly apace" and Christ "shall lead captivity captive."

If this work has brought any joy of obedience to you, why shall you not make it a minister of good to others? Surely you owe so much to the fellow-Christians working next you. Make this pledge, take up the crosses it involves, of sacrifice, of ease, or

criticism, it may be, or of self-remembering timidity and meet success which comes sweeter by every sacrifice involved.

Perhaps with your Central Committee itself have been causes that have helped to make our report less than hitherto. I refer to the sickness of the President of the committee. It is known to all of you that during the first half of the year she was entirely incapacitated for work, and that during much of the remaining time the work was done in feebleness and weariness. During this time, however, there were others ready to take her work. Besides our ever faithful Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James A. Briggs, there were Mrs. T. Henry Briggs who took charge of *The Talk* temporarily; Miss Sudie Clark, Miss Bertha Hicks and Miss Susie Heck, who aided greatly and constantly, and without whom the work would have suffered severely. With thankfulness we trust that the present year may see the President constantly at her post, drawn more nearly to the work than ever before by the innumerable loving words, the heaven-ascending prayers, the comfort and the hope poured in upon her by hundreds of her co-workers in her time of trial. Words fail her—she cannot, dare not, try to speak her thanks.

Leaving to the Corresponding Secretary to report the moneys contributed by the Societies, the tabulation of which is particularly her work, I report below the letters written, the circulars printed, papers edited, distribution of literature, etc., which is the depart-

ment of the work especially in charge of the President:

Letters written	1,438
Postals sent out	300
Missionary Talks sent out	14 400
Mission Cards	3,000
Christmas Programmes	1,200
Christmas Envelopes	5,000
Report Blanks	1,400
Leaflets of various kinds furnished by Mission Union	2,500
Leaflets published by Centr'l Committee	4,500

Besides this the Woman's Missionary Column in the *Biblical Recorder* has been edited during part of the year, being discontinued during sickness. The *Missionary Talk* is published monthly. This work has been done at a cost of $43 for postage, $100 printing *Missionary Talk*, being $8.50 monthly; cost of stationery, printing other leaflets and circulars, letter-heads, etc., $41.60.

The officers of the Central Committee receive nothing for their services.

Amounts given above do not include any cost of literature received from the Missionary Union, that being paid for and sent free of expressage.

Much time and effort has been expended in endeavoring to obtain a correct list of Societies. This seemingly simple work is one of great difficulty. After sending a letter and postal for reply to every Society, from very many of whom no answer was received, there stands on our books to-day the names of 250 Societies. That some of these have ceased

to be we cannot doubt; that others, of whom we do not know, are alive and active, there is as little doubt. We have almost ceased to hope ever to obtain a perfectly correct list. We solicit the aid of the Societies to this end.

Turning from the discouragements of the year that is passed to encouragements for the opening year, I notice the large number of new Societies, thirty-nine having been organized. There is another feature most full of promise. I allude to the appointment of a number of Associational Vice-Presidents. The Central Committee has long felt the need of an earnest, active woman in each Association to aid by letter and personal visits in the organization of new Societies and the maintenance and stimulation of the old. As can be imagined, such women with time and willingness were not easy to find. For several years, however, the work of Vice-Presidents in a few Associations have proved beyond doubt what might be accomplished by this agency. This year, by the aid and advice of pastors in their respective Associations the following ladies have been recommended for appointment to the State Mission Board, under whom all the Central Committee hold office. We hope from time to time that other members may be added to this list, for there are still thirty-four Associations in which the work would be forwarded by the presence Vice-Presidents. The list at present is as follows:

Mrs. W. C. Lankford, Wake Forest, Central Association.

Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern, Atlantic.

Mrs. R. VanDeventer, Henderson, Tar River.

Pee Dee—Mrs. Frank Bennett, Paris.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Sandy Creek—Mrs. H. T. Chapin, Pittsboro.

Cape Fear—Mrs. S. M. Robbins, Southport.

West Chowan—Miss Grace T. Brown, Murfreesboro.

Robeson—Mrs. J. Hartwell Edwards, Fayetteville,

Raleigh—Mrs. J. T. Ellington, Clayton.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. H. P. Markham. Durham.

We bespeak for these ladies your hearty co-operation in the important work they have in hand.

We have now reviewed together the work for the year; have seen the need of such work; have enquired into the causes of discouragement and encouragement; have pointed out some lines of work for the future; asked for one pledge full of meaning, and called you to this work because of crosses that lie in it. Crosses encircled with a crown! Rich diadem of honor! Greater honor can no one have than this: to be co-worker with Him who holdeth the stars in His hand, who taketh up the earth as a very small thing; who ruleth in all and over all now and ever more, world without end.

FANNIE E. HECK,
President Woman's Central Committee of Missions.

Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Secretary of the Central Committee, submitted the following report,

which was read by Mrs. M. T. Norris, of Raleigh:

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 1, 1894.

In presenting a brief synopsis of our year's work, it should not be forgotten that at the beginning of the year our prospects were darkened by ominous clouds, seeming to forbode inauspicious portents; but, gratefully acknowledging a merciful Providence, we are happy to say the sky is clear, the guiding hand is at the helm again, and onward we move upon the waves of enthusiasm aroused by consciousness of work worthy of our best efforts. We have reference to the illness of our beloved President. It need scarcely be said, although there was no cessation in the work, the Central Committee felt the need of that wise guidance so unselfishly bestowed.

The first item in our summary is the Christmas offering. To this fund twenty-one Societies contributed. Special services were held in many of the churches and collections taken for Japan. Other Societies raised by entertainments the sums contributed.

During the spring the Secretary of our State Mission Board made an appeal for aid in liquidating the debt contracted by that Board. To this appeal there was a cordial, if not unanimous response. It is proper to note that our contributions to State Missions is small. If the Societies gave the amounts that would otherwise have gone to the regular fund, I fear it was not what it was expected or desired by our Secretary, Dr. Durham.

Again, the Societies came to the rescue of

the Foreign Mission Board, and raised $200—the apportionment of North Carolina on that debt. Twenty-seven Societies contributed to that fund.

Thirty-nine new Societies have been organized during the year. It is with regret that I have to state that a small number of our Societies have withdrawn from us to work under methods other than those sanctioned by our Board. Let us hope for their return.

During the year five boxes have been sent out to frontier Missionaries.

As another year opens to us opportunities for usefulness, let us seize upon them determined to do well the work before us, remembering that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Now, in conclusion, allow me to present my financial report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 1894.

Anson Association:	
Sunbeams, Lilesville	$ 3 14
Lilesville	2 05
Atlantic Association:	
Pollocksville	28 88
Goldsboro	53 35
Newbern	38 32
Second Church, Goldsboro	3 00
Sunbeams, Goldsboro	2 60
Beulah Association:	
Yanceyville	7 55
Greensboro	38 60
Bladen Association:	
Galleed	9 00

Central Association:		
Perry's Chapel	$ 4	45
First Church, Raleigh	232	44
Hopkins' Chapel	4	00
Wake Forest	145	10
Youngsville	13	90
Sunbeams, Wake Forest	32	02
Rolesville	2	40
Sunbeams, Rolesville	6	55
Cedar Creek Association:		
Bladen Union	4	00
Rock Fish	6	15
Hope Mills	6	12
Judson	5	52
Chowan Association:		
Middle Swamp	4	00
Reynoldson	18	50
Elam	15	00
Gatesville	3	00
Sawyer's Creek	6	00
Elizabeth City	20	05
West Chowan Association:		
Pine Forest	12	84
Mount Tabor	41	62
Holly Grove	4	95
Buckhorn	19	33
Ahoskie	10	00
Aulander	10	00
Columbus Association:		
Whiteville	13	60
Cape Fear Association:		
Lennon's Cross Roads		80
Eastern Association:		
Sunbeams, Selma	27	88
Warsaw	21	00

Mount Olive	$ 15 80
Johnson	3 50
Sunbeams, Clinton	12 06
Shiloh	1 00
Clinton	4 86
Magnolia	6 00
First Church, Wilmington	67 48
Masonboro Sound	3 33
Barber's Chapel	9 25
Flat River Association:	
Maggie Nutt Society	28 72
Henderson	47 00
Concord	2 85
Thomasville	35 60
Liberty Association:	
Lexington	42 25
Mt. Zion Association:	
First Church, Durham	117 12
Mount Pisgah	25 83
Chapel Hill	8 00
Mount Gilead	10 46
Young Ladies' Society, Durham	10 00
Sunbeams, Durham	15 00
Montgomery Association:	
Bethel	5 00
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Ass'tion:	
Tryon St. Church, Charlotte	52 00
Olivet	55 00
First Church, Charlotte	8 25
Pee Dee Association:	
Children's Band, Rockingham	31 90
Mount Beaulah	1 60
Sunbeams, Roberdel	4 10
Gum Springs	1 43
Rockingham	10 00
Wadesboro	19 80

Pilot Mountain Association:	
Children's Band, Winston	$ 10 00
Leaksville	5 00
Shiloh	6 00
Raleigh Association:	
Mount Vernon	5 00
Tabernacle	81 05
Garner's	8 30
Sunbeams, Apex	10 99
Morrisville	13 18
Green Level	8 17
Holly Springs	10 95
Cary	18 95
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	3 75
Wakefield	2 00
Sunbeams, Cary	1 70
Robeson Association:	
Fayetteville	109 99
Saddle Tree	19 16
Buck Swamp	38 25
Cedar Grove	50
Long Branch	6 82
Maxton	29 48
Lumberton	120 81
Raft Swamp	24 62
Sunbeams, Lumberton	4 50
Big Branch	29 41
Tolarsville	8 90
Sunbeams, Pine Grove	5 32
McAlpine Grove	2 40
Pleasant Hill	4 12
Rinnert	12 90
Antioch	3 52
Mt. Eliam	1 85

Transylvania Association:	
Brevard	$ 4 20
Tar River Association:	
Scotland Neck	52 89
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	27 64
Rocky Mount	4 75
Sunbeams, Rocky Mount	2 25
Sunbeams, Warren Plains	4 86
Warren Plains	5 86
Weldon	45 00
Red Bud	8 96
Stoney Creek	4 50
Littleton	1 35
Poplar Springs	17 48
Mount Vernon	1 85
Sunbeams, Piney Grove	1 35
Stanly Association:	
Albemarle	50
Sandy Creek Association:	
Jonesboro	3 91
Sandy Branch	2 50
Aberdeen	33 40
Carthage	15 15
Pittsboro	8 18
Keyser	2 00
Mount Airy	5 00
Sunday School, Corinth	7 50
Sunday School, Juniper Springs	3 00
No Association given:	
Smithfield	8 00
Sutton	8 20
Mills' Creek	4 70
Holly Grove	8 80
Sanford	1 13
Ai	15 50
Ephesus Sunbeams	10 00

Ballard's Bridge	$	8 20
Miss M. Castlebury		10 00
Willie Hurst, Ewing, N. C		2 87
Gardner's		40
Total	$2,284	57

Divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 966	87
Home Missions	288	97
State Missions	475	56
Foreign Mission Debt	202	90
Christmas Offering	144	98
Education	47	02
Orphanage	133	75
Expense Fund	7	92
Centennial Fund	6	52
Education, Louisville	5	00
Sunday Schools		52
Relief Fund	4	56
Value Missionary boxes	167	80
Grand total	$2,452	37

Since closing the annual report, the following amounts have been received:

Rockingham	$	5 00
Youngsville		3 40
Galleed		5 50
Reedy Creek		62
Rock Fish		1 00
Hope Mills		1 00
Pollocksville		3 35
Pleasant Hill		1 02
Back Swamp		7 60
Sunbeams, Cedar Rock		5 53
Mount Tabor		5 50

Yanceyville	$ 2	45
Wake Forest	49	12
First Church, Wilmington	6	76
First Church, Durham	5	00
Siler City	1	70
Tabernacle	11	50
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck		92
Cedar Creek	5	63
Total	$ 122	60

Divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	78	84
Home Missions	10	70
State Missions	19	04
Education	13	77
Expense Fund		25
Total	$ 122	60

Making a grand total of $2,574.97.

RECAPITULATION.

Foreign Missions	$1,045	71
Home Missions	299	67
State Missions	494	60
Foreign Missions' debt	202	90
Christmas Offering	144	98
Education	60	79
Orphanage	133	75
Expense Fund	8	17
Centennial Fund	6	52
Education, Louisville	5	00
Sunday Schools		52
Relief Fund	4	56
Value Missionary boxes	167	80
Total	$2,574	97

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS, *Cor. Sec.*

The President, in behalf of the Corresponding Secretary, stated that the Secretary urged the Societies, in future, to send in their quarterly reports regularly, want of exactness in this particular making much trouble and confusion.

Societies reported, as follows:

Mrs. E. F. Aydlett, Elizabeth City: "In looking over the record of the past year, we find that we have much to encourage us."

Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Wadesboro, reported twenty-five members and twenty-five dollars contributed for the cause of missions.

Mrs. L. W. Battle (Sunbeams), First Church, Durham: "We believe this Society is growing in interest, and that it is doing its part towards developing the young into ardent and zealous workers for the spread of the Gospel."

Mrs. S. C. Carlyle, Lumberton: "This is the most successful year, financially, we have had." Contributions, $153.85. This Society held weekly meetings for the purpose of studying about missions, and also observed the week of prayer.

Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern: "We have had monthly meetings and feel somewhat encouraged. Contributions, $53.86"

Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Fayetteville, reported progress, and laid special stress on the observance of the week of prayer.

Miss Emma A. Tarlton, Deep Creek, reports that their Society has doubled its membership since August.

Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro: "More of our members, feeling it their duty, are beginning to lead in prayer, which we consider a most hopeful sign for greater usefulness."

Mrs. W. R. Hunter, Aberdeen: "We are greatly encouraged and feel that Jesus has blessed our feeble efforts to advance His cause."

Mrs. John K. Hankins, Lexington, reports Society small and very difficult to get them to attend.

Mrs. Liddell, Tryon Street Church, Charlotte: "Number of members, 30; contributions, $67.60."

Mrs. H. V. Markham, First Church, Durham: "We have followed the plans recommended by the Union; observed the week of prayer, and are sure that we were brought nearer to each other and to the blessed Master. Contributions, $140.62."

Mrs. M. Parham, Henderson: "We feel able to report progress in numbers, attendance, collections and spirituality."

Miss Nettie Pittman, Sunbeams, Lumberton: "Meetings well attended; collections, $26.06."

Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest: "In reviewing our year's work, we feel thankful that increased interest has characterized our meetings."

Mrs. L. R. Pruitt, Olivet Church, Charlotte, reports a flourishing Society, and one Society organized in a neighboring church by some of its members.

Mrs. J. J. Roddick, Sunbeams, Winston: "While the financial report of our Society has not been quite what we would have it, yet we feel encouraged over the interest and earnestness of our members in other depart-

ments of our work, and hope to do 'greater things' during the coming year."

Mrs. W. F. Williams, First Church, Raleigh: "We have had much to encourage us. Our average attendance has been larger and more seem to be really interested in the work. Amount of contributions, $447.38."

Differences in amounts reported here and in Secretary's report arise from reporting gifts to home objects, poor, etc., and failure to report full work of the Society in the name of the Society.

A collection was taken to place a North Carolina cot in the Woman's and Children's Hospital in Havana — amount needed $25. The collection amounted to $9.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by the President.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3:30.

The meeting was opened by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus," after which devotional exercises were conducted by the President—a number of ladies participated.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Tichenor of the Home Board.

Mrs. Bennett read a paper, full of practical suggestions, on "A Society in a Country Church," followed by Mrs. Adams, in a thoughtful treatise on the "Spirituality in Missions."

Mrs. Franklin, of Charlotte, read a bright and interesting article on "How to pack a Missionary Box."

The President called for a discussion of the "Week of Prayer."

Mrs. L. W. Battle and Mrs. J. H. Edwards reponded, giving their experience. Mrs. Edwards also emphasized the observance of the Christmas offering.

Missionary literature was distributed, followed by singing, "To the work"; after which the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Carlyle.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8, 1894.

The meeting reassembled at 9:30 A. M.

After devotional exercises, Dr. T. H. Pritchard welcomed the ladies in a few earnest words.

Addresses were then made by Dr. Willingham, of the Foreign Board; Dr. Graves, returned Missionary from China; Rev. Mr. Moseley, from Mexico, and Rev. Mr. McCollom, from Japan. All of which were very interesting and full of new ideas about the misson fields.

Miss Heck gave a practical demonstration of how a "Mission Band May be Taught," teaching the lesson of the month—Cuba—to twenty-five small children. She was assisted in the music by Mrs. W. C. Dowd and Mrs. T. S. Franklin.

Mrs. Edwards, for the Committee on Plans of Work, submitted the following recommendations, which were unanimously adopted:

"1. Knowing that so many of our sisters have no part in this work, so dear to the hearts of many of us, and feeling that we must have an increase in our membership, we urge each Society to pledge itself to make

every effort during the coming year to double its membership, and to form a Society in every neighboring church where there is none; also to encourage and aid Associational meetings by sending a delegate to them.

"2. We would emphasize the necessity of consecrating our means to the Lord. We need systematic, loving, prayerful giving; laying by in store as the Lord has prospered us; giving until we feel it; denying ourselves for Jesus' sake. We should beware of spasmodic giving, as this is apt to result in inactivity.

"3. We would urge that the Secretaries report promptly at the end of each quarter, sending on all money on hand, so that the Lord's work be not hindered; and let the Secretaries of all Societies see to it that the work done by the Societies is reported in the Church Letter to the Association.

"4. We would remind the Societies that there is an expense fund for printing and postage of Convention Committee, and urge that every member contribute ten cents a year over and above the regular contributions.

"5. Feeling that in order to keep in full sympathy with our Missionaries we must hear from them regularly, we recommeud that as far as possible every member should subscribe to the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Home Field.*

"6. Work among the children and young people seems to your Committee one of the most important lines of work in the past, and should continue to be. The future of our

work depends upon the training of the children; then, in the name of the Master, let us train the children, mould their opinions while it can be done. We are all a unit in the sentiment that we must all work for Jesus.

"Then let us consecrate our sentiment to common-sense action, doing the duty next at hand, and in this way we will be lifted to a higher plane, and by our influence lifting others into the happy light of doing and giving for a loving Saviour whose promise is, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee—I am with thee to the end of the world.'

"MRS. BATTLE
"MRS. AYDLETT,
"MRS. CHAPIN,
"MRS. EDWARDS,
"*Committee.*"

Mrs. Poteat, for the Committee on Recommendations, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"That we express to our President and other officers our hearty appreciation of the intelligence and devotion which have characterized their work.

"That inasmuch as the addresses of visiting brethren have contributed greatly to the interest and value of these meetings, we record here our thanks to them.

"That the thanks of the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina are due and are hereby tendered to the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway for courtesies extended to members during the present session of the Baptist State Convention.

"That the pleasures of our meetings are due largely to the beautiful and hospitable city in which it has been held; and that we express to those who have made our sojourn within its gates so delightful our warmest appreciation and gratitude.

"MRS. W. L. POTEAT,
"MRS. T. C. CARLYLE,
"MRS. PAYNE,
"MRS. WILLIAMS,
"*Committee.*"

A second collection was taken for the Havanna Hospital, which amounted to $8.00.

After prayer by Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of Fayetteville, the meeting adjourned to meet in Greensboro, December .., 1895.

A MEMORIAL MEETING.

A memorial meeting in memory of Mrs. Eliza Moring Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Newton was held under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the Second Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 9, at 3:30 P. M., Dr. Willingham presiding.

Dr. T. E. Skinner spoke on The Life and Character of Mrs. Yates; Dr. T. P. Bell on The Work of Mr. and Mrs. Newton; Rev. R. VanDeventer on The Changes in China Since 1846; Dr. R. W. Willingham on A Living Memorial to Mrs. Yates to be Placed in China by the Baptist Women of North Carolina.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxillary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, on Friday morning, December 6, 1895.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Livingston Johnson, of Greensboro.

Mrs. C. E. Holton, welcomed the visiting ladies.

Mrs. T. H. Briggs, of Raleigh, responded appropriately in their behalf.

The following delegates and visitors reported their names to the Secretary:

Miss Rosa Broughton (Tabernacle), Raleigh; Mrs, C. V. Brooks, Friendship; Miss Lizzie Brooks, Jonesboro; Mrs. L. W. Battle (First Church), Durham; Mrs. A. A. Butler, Mount Olive; Miss Laura C. Bonar, Greensboro; Mrs. S. C. Carlyle, Lumberton; Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Greensboro; Mrs. J. W. Carter (First Church), Raleigh; Mrs. Geo. J. Dowell (Second Church), Durham; Miss E. A. Draughn, Kinston; Mrs. C. R. Foushee, Roxboro; Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Wake Forest: Miss Margaret Harris (Yates Mission Band, First Church), Raleigh; Mrs. Hatcher (Sunbeams), Liberty; Mrs. E. G. Hilliard, Lexington; Mrs. C. E. Holton, Greensboro: Mrs. D. F. King, Leaksville; Mrs. A. A.

Johnson, Greensboro; Miss Eva Liddell (Tryon Street Church), Charlotte; Mrs. Jas. Long (First Church) Goldsboro; Mrs. Chas. F. Meserve (First Church), Raleigh; Mrs. M. G. McKay, Laurinburg; Miss Maude Marley (Young Ladies' Society), Greensboro; Mrs. L. R. Pruett (Olivet Church), Charlotte; Mrs. M. A. Payne, Greensboro; Mrs. David Reid (First Church), Winston; Mrs. W. H. Riggsbee, Burlington; Mrs. E. T. Reinicker, Greensboro; Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington; Mrs. Jordan Tysor, May's Chapel; Mrs. A. F. Yates, Aberdeen; Miss Zoa Riggsbee (Young Ladies', First Church,) Durham.

Central Committee Delegates.—Miss Fannie E. Heck, Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. J. W. Carter.

Visitors.—Mrs. E. E. Woollard, La Grange; Mrs. B. F. Ivey, Leaksville; Mrs. Hugh Markham, Durham; Miss Mary Neal, Reidsville; Miss Applewhite, Carthage; Mrs. R. Vandeventer, Burlington; Mrs. H. A. Brown, Winston; Miss Moore, Red Springs; Miss King, Leaksville; Mrs. Hunter, Aberdeen; Mrs. L. N. Chappell, China; Mrs. Merrell, Star; Mrs. Theo. Whitfield, Richmond, Va.; Miss Loula Butt, Berkley, Va.; Mrs. T. A. Howard, Huntly.

Mrs. L. W. Battle, of Durham, was called to the chair, and the election of officers for the session resulted as follows:

Miss Fannie E. Heck, Raleigh, President.

Mrs. L. W. Battle, Durham, First Vice-President.

Mrs. R. Vandeventer, Burlington, Second Vice-President.

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, Secretary.
Mrs. C. E. Holton, Greensboro, Treasurer.

Miss Heck, as President of the Central Committee, submitted her annual report as follows:

ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Year by year, dear sisters, well beloved, as the footstep of each year falls softening, as it joins the thousands of the past, and a new year rising up, holds out beckoning hands to lead us up to higher, better things, it is well for each to ask herself, "What lessons have we learned together, the comrad, old year and myself?

She brought us many gifts, are we richer, wiser for them? She brought us sorrows, cares: have we learned better how to win peace after pain and bring a tear-bejeweled joy out of grief?

Whatever else of what the year has brought us, we have seized or scorned, I would that you and I had learned the joy, bringing lesson of thanksgiving.

But if we must confess, as each one must, that this lesson is, at best half learned, let us now together strive to learn it better for the coming year.

I invite you then, in the beginning of our fifth annual meeting, as the key-note I would seek to strike to attune our whole meeting to a psalm of praise, to join with me in returning thanks.

Thanksgiving and requests, in God's Word go ever hand in hand. A thankful remembrance of past mercies is a strengthening of faith

for future blessings. He who has been with us six times to bless will not desert us in the sevveth need. He who has given us the unspeakable gift of his son, will he not with him freely give us all things? Paul knew the joy and peace-giving power of thanksgiving when he said, "with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God *and* the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your minds and hearts through Jesus Christ."

We argue from the past to the future. If our God has blessed in the past, our God changeth not, he will bless in the future. And who of us has he not blessed in blessings without number? If joy has been our lot, he has made "each joy a wing" to lift us nearer heaven; if sorrow, he has sustained and blessed us in it and taught us how to wring the sweets of his abiding, from the rock and the oil of his anointing from the flinty rock.

We can, and alas, often do think of joy apart from God; but sorrow without him,—the soul shrinks back affrighted at the thought.

For all his individual blessings we thank him, but to day, together let us turn our thoughts to those multiplied blessings which have come to the whole world, and to the home church, through the Missions and most of all, for the signal blessings bestowed upon the Mission work of the Southern Baptist Women, the Baptist Women of North Carolina and upon us as members of this work. May each mind be enlarged to hear and each heart opened to rejoice!

Let now your thoughts sweep out over those

vast lands which sit in heathen darkness and death's shadow: see amid that darkness seven thousand men from every Christian clime proclaiming Christ: see with them, working side by side in every form of toil, bearing greater hardships, greater persecution, greater loss, than they, an army of native helpers, thirty thousand strong: see, set like little lights shining far against the midnight of heathen sin, the native churches counting up a million. Pile up in one stupendous heap the life work of many holy men and see the Bible translated into two hundred and sixty-five languages and dialects!

Heaven's twelve-fold jeweled walls give back a louder sound of joy, when one soul turns from darkness unto light. "Had we a thousand tongues to sing," our praises would be faint in summing up blessings such as these.

Come nearer home. The church is not doing, what she should or could, you say? It is true. But thank God for what she has done.

It is she who has sent these seven thousand missionaries to the field, it is she who has supplied the means to put the Bible into these many tongues and best of all, it is she who is shaking off her lethargy, who is putting on her strength. Thank God that His church has done what she has done in our day, thank him that it is but an earnest of what she shall yet do in days now soon to come.

For our Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, we would indeed return thanks. Eight years ago it was a small thing. In these eight years three hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars have

been given through it into God's treasury for Missions. We thank God for the Union; for his signal blessings on its ever onward way; for its larger plans; for its widening usefulness; for its larger gifts. May it fulfill all the good pleasure of His will in its formation and fill the full promise of its hitherto success.

Nearer yet. Have we no words of praise for what the Baptist Women of North Carolina have been permitted to do in Mission work? Yes, verily. A thousand blessings came rushing in upon us in a joyous tide of memory.

We thank God that He has called us into this larger work for Him, that He has added many to us year by year: that He has turned the hearts of the people everywhere to this, His work. We thank Him for the measure of success he has given to our undertakings for Him in the past; for the promise of future blessing in past success; for the blessed assurance that we have brought comfort to many and salvation to some; for loved companionship in labor, and most of all we thank Him for the sweet assurance of His presence in our hearts and the royal fellowship of co-workers with our Lord.

Forgive us, that our thanks are so meagre; so unworthy of Thee, our Father, or of us, Thy children. Holy Spirit, thou comforter and teacher, teach us how to pray and how to give thanks! Teach us to remember the sweets of friendship, obstacles overcome, proffered aid, answered prayers, a wider life, a larger heart, a brighter hope, and a thousand joys besides, that Thou hast given back to us, double measure, pressed down, running over, for the little

we have given Thee. Quicken our memories; soften our hearts! "Lord! keep our memories green" toward Thee.

With thank-filled hearts, let us turn now to review more closely the year that has just closed, and then, with the radiance of past mercies casting their light on the unknown way, turn to the opening year.

Going back to the very first of the year, you will remember that, for the first time in all the history of your State Central Committee, the words "*discouragement*" and "*retrograde*" were used in the Fourth Annual Meeting in Charlotte, the report for the year then just closed, falling below that of the three years preceding. In the quarter immediately following that meeting, the first quarter of the new year, the contributions of the Societies showed a marked improvement, being considerably the largest quarterly report made for a year and a half. The second quarterly report showed a gratifying increase over the first, being the fourth largest we had ever made up to that time. The third, the languid, dreaded summer quarter, fell back more nearly to the old level. Of the fourth and last quarter, the quarter whose fortunes are bound up with those of the Yates Memorial, I will speak later.

The question will arise, What made the reports of these quarters better than those that have gone before? Largely, I believe, the startling realization that came to many at our last Annual Meeting that a slight delinquency on the part of some could so disastrously affect the work of the Societies as a whole.

The first effort of the year, the Christmas Offering, showed that many of the Societies had taken a firmer hold on the work. How far this offering was coupled with the observance of the Week of Prayer for Missions, I cannot say. By some I know it was observed with great uplift of spirit, and here may lie, with them, the secret of a better year's work. I wish I knew, that I might tell you, just how far this time of prayer, so precious to many of us, was observed, but I am not in possession of exact facts on the subject.

Following close upon this, in the springtime came the call for a week of self-denial, to help in raising the debt upon the Home Mission Board, this being the first time an appeal for special, emergency aid, had come to the Societies from this source. The results of this week, as is too often the case, from want of exactness in stating the object for which contributions are made, were inadequately reported. Home Mission work, however, felt an impulse everywhere in the South, and went up to the Convention in May almost free of debt. In North Carolina there dates from this week a remarkable increase in one department of our work—that work which, those who know it best, delight to call the blessed work of box-packing. Last year the entire value of such boxes, as reported in Charlotte, amounted to only $167.80. This year boxes have been sent to the value of $1,338.19.

Over these boxes have gone up songs and prayers of praise, and many a one has rejoiced that she has thus been allowed to minister

to the "necessity of the saints." Coming back from those who received this loving ministry a thousand prayers have called down blessings on those who, in their need, have thus remembered those who, for the gospel, suffer cold, weariness and privation.

Last May, in the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, at the suggestion of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the Woman's Missionary Societies of each State were asked to give a certain amount to Foreign and Home Missions. The North Carolina Societies were asked to give $1,000 to Home, and $1,950 to Foreign Missions.

In the three quarterly reports already made for the year, May, 1895–1896, we have, through the boxes sent, reached the full amount asked of us for the entire year for Home Missions.

For Foreign Missions, on the contrary, much lies before us to be done. In the three quarters reported since May, we have given to the *general* work of Foreign Missions only $938.35. It will be seen, therefore, by an easy matter of subtraction that in the one quarter remaining of the Conventional year of the Southern Baptist Convention, we must give $1,000 to Foreign Missions, if we would reach the mark of $1,950. I need not remind you of what was emphasized from the earliest moment with regard to the Yates Memorial, namely, that whatever was given to that object should be an *extra* offering.

Every wise householder, at the beginning of the year, casts up his accounts and reckons if in the coming year he can maintain his own with

the resources for which he may hope. Our Board has been placed by the churches at the head of our great missionary family, and we have pledged them that this family shall not want. The missionaries look to us for food; we are one of the trusted sources of supply. All new work must be undertaken *second* to the first demand of the maintainance of those to whom we are already pledged. If we cease to hold this rope, to seize some new one, they must go down. These truths are so self-evident that I need hardly restate them. The Home Board looks this year to the Woman's Missionary Union, of which we are part, for $25,000, the Foreign Board for $30,000. I believe they will not be disappointed.

When we return to our homes, the first regular work which will present itself, will be the dual observance of the Week of Prayer and the Christmas Offering for the enlargement of work in China.

I can barely mention these here. Let me, however, urge you that at any cost the Week of Prayer shall in some way be observed in your Society. I use no extravagant terms when I say that in the want of united, fervent prayer lies the supreme need, the cause of the poverty, spiritual and financial, of every religious organization. On prayer depends all success that any God-commissioned work can hope for or should expect. Yet we fail to pray. God's gold-mine promises—"where two three agree as touching anything," "ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," and a hundred more lie open before us, but we seize not

their precious wealth. Is it that we think the all-Father is not able to fulfill his gracious grants, or is it that we care not to have these blessings brought to us and all the world? Surely neither. May the new year be begun with this one resolve, that whatever else may be the story of the opening year, it shall be a year of prayer.

The Christmas Offering for the enlargement of work in China, is a part of the regular work of the Foreign Mission Board, and anything given to it will be included in the amount asked of us by that Board. Does not this work need enlargement? More than twenty years ago a little church was formed in Che Kiah, China. The general mission work spread out, the missionaries were called to more important posts. There were not enough to go round, and Che Kiah must be left out. The little candle just lighted for the Lord must be left alone in the surrounding darkness. The babes in Christ must care for themselves as best they might. We can imagine how, with hope long deferred, the little band watched and prayed for the regular coming of the wise teacher; how they watched and longed for him to break to them more of the bread of life for their hungry souls. But the missionary came not. Four, five, a dozen years passed by. There was nothing in all that vast region to mark out for that little band of believers the Sabbath from all other days of ceaseless toil. By-and-by they lost count. They lost the Sabbath! Perhaps some faithful soul, tired of waiting here for God's minister, had gladly gone up higher

among God's heaven full of ministering angels, leaving no one behind so faithful as she to count and count again the coming of the day *we* call the day of rest and hold among the choicest blessings of our God. They lost count.—Twenty long years rolled away. Then at last the missionary came. What wonder they had almost ceased to hope. But there were six left. The dying flame flashed up once more. It was the Sunbeams missionary who reached them; it was the children's work that called the fainting church back to life. They have gathered once more around the table of communion. Three have been baptized, others believe, and the missionary is praying for fifty in Che Kiah.

Do not such little struggling bands of Chinese Baptists cry to us, their sisters in Christ, for help for their country—for China, whose pardon the Lord has left us to communicate? What time more fitting than Christmas to heed in some special way this cry.

Looking thus over our work, I fear we are prone to forget that it is three-fold, and that State Missions demands our gifts, as do Home and Foreign. Plant a church in North Carolina, and you open a fountain that shall soon send out springs of blessings to the ends of the earth. A beautiful sequence of events recently came to my notice in a church in this State. First the church was organized, next the house of worship was dedicated. Then followed a gracious revival, then the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society. State Missions must be the source of supply for all other missions.

I need not recall to any here that we came together under the shadow of a great loss to State Mission work, in the death of Dr. C. Durham. We thank God that he was allowed to go up and down through the State arousing the churches to missions; we rejoice that so noble a life has been given to so noble a work, and that his example will cause many to devote more of themselves, their time and their talents to the prosecution of the work he was called so suddenly to lay down.

Bear with me while I call your attention to one other form of mission work. Having spoken of Foreign, Home and State Missions, I would mention what I may call *household* missions—the work among the colored women in and around our homes. Again and again the necessity of organized work by Christian women among these neighbors of ours has been emphasized in the recommendations of the Home Board to the Woman's Missionary Union. For this vast field each of us is a qualified worker, and I would urge you to lay before your Societies the practicability of undertaking some organized religious work for colored women. Mothers-meetings, sewing-schools, Sunday School teacher's classes and prayer-meetings are being conducted among them by Southern women of our Union, but these should be multiplied many fold.

Leaving other details of the year's work to be taken up by our Corresponding Secretary, I give below the statistics of that part of the Central Committee's work which falls particularly to the share of the President:

Letters written	1,352
Quarterly letters	1,020
Leaflets sent out	5,441
Blanks for reports,etc	1,800
Christmas Programs	600
Christmas Envelopes	3,000
Missionary Talks sent out	3,600

The enlarged Woman's Missionary Department, granted by the kindness of the editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, has been regularly edited. The work of the Committee has been done at a cost of $77.58 for postage; $37 25 for printing and stationary; $25.50 for publication of *The Missionary Talk* for the months of January, February, March; $25 for three hundred copies of the *Foreign Mission Journal* sent to all Societies for six months. Received from Societies towards expenses, $6.40.

The officers of the Central Committee receive nothing for their services.

When, after much thought, it was deemed wise by the Central Committee to discontinue the publication of *The Talk* on account of the expense thus incurred, it was decided to send free to each Society a copy of the *Foreign Mission Journal* for one year. The very reasonable rate of $50 for three hundred copies was made with the Foreign Mission Board. It is hoped that this year's free subscription will induce each Society to subscribe for at least one copy of the *Journal*, now enlarged and improved. In my opinion no Society can afford to do without this potent factor in the dissemination of missionary information. The free distribution of the magazine will cease in March.

A most interesting and hopeful feature of the year's work has been the holding of Associational Missionary Meetings at several Associations. This has been brought about by the valuable aid of ladies in the Associations—it having been possible for the President of the Central Committee to visit only one Association. The Associations at which Missionary Meetings have been held are, as reported to the Committee, as follows: The Central, Mt. Zion, Eastern, Atlantic, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, Piedmont, Pee Dee, West Chowan, and Robeson. Every effort will be made in the coming year to increase the number of such meetings, your Committee believing greatly in their possibilities for good.

A remarkably large number of Societies have been reported this year, numbering in all about fifty-four—reorganized four. Among these are a gratifying number of Children's Bands.

It will be remembered that last year was marked by the appointment of a number of Associational Vice-Presidents. To the invaluable aid of these ladies much of the growth of the year is due. We have not, as we hoped, succeeded in adding other Vice-Presidents to the comparatively small number then appointed. I appeal to those present from Associations in which there are no Vice-Presidents, to ask themselves if God is not calling them to this office? It requires work, prayer, patience, tact, gentleness, perseverance.

I call for volunteers, willing to offer these gifts to God.

YATES MEMORIAL.

Such, in brief, has been the general work of the year, but with this has been coupled a special work of great importance, dear to the heart of every one of us: *The Yates' Memorial.* I need only mention the history of the beginning and planning of this work. The story is familiar to all. Last year in a Memorial Meeting in Charlotte, it was proposed by Dr. Willingham, of the Foreign Mission Board, that during the year the Baptist women of North Carolina honor themselves by raising $1,000 *extra* to send a new Missionary to China as a "living memorial" to Dr. and Mrs. Yates. He assured us, on behalf of the Foreign Board, that should we equip, pay the passage out, and one year's salary of the new Missionary, the Board would be responsible for his maintainance after that time. The proposition met the approval of all present, and the Central Committee considered itself empowered to include this Memorial in the year's work.

No pains have been spared on their part to make this Memorial, to which their hearts gave the most hearty response, a completed success by this meeting. The Missionary Department has been unceasingly full of it; it has been urged in letters to all the Societies while more than 350 ladies, not connected with Societies, have been written to, asking aid for this object.

We had hoped and prayed that the whole thousand dollars might be reported to this meeting. Some tell us now that we have hoped

too much. Be this as it may, it would be vain for us to seek to conceal our disappointment that our full hopes have not been realized—that the Memorial is not raised. You hear me, with with disappointment, akin to my own; but, pause. Let no one call the Memorial a failure. The work is the same as when we hoped so much for it; the noble lives we sought to honor are the same; the needs of China just as great, and *God is the same.* He who has given us the measure of success already granted in the raising of this Memorial, will, I believe, through you, my sisters, carry it to completion. I am pursuaded that if you have labored for this end, you will labor more; if you have overlooked it, you will now strive for it, and this grand Memorial shall be completed, and that speedily.

Since such has been the closing year, what of the future? I would close, as I began, with thanks. While all around are striving for the new, let us give thanks for the old. I thank God for old faith, old hope, old work. I have no new plans to offer. I commend to you the old faith that has strenghtened you to labor in the past; the old love that has made that labor light. May He who has of old been our God and guide, be in us and work through us through the long year.

(Signed) FANNIE E. S. HECK.

The President appointed the following committee on Plans of Work:

Miss Draughn, Mrs. King, Mrs. Geo. Dowell, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Riggsbee, Miss Brooks.

The meeting adjourned after singing, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

FRIDAY AFTEROON, 2:30.

Meeting was opened by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Mrs. L. W. Battle conducted the devotional exercises. The meeting was addressed by Rev. E. Y. Mullins, of Richmond, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Chas. Meserve spoke entertainingly of her work among the Indians. A letter, to the Woman's Missionary Societies of the State, from Mrs. T. C. Britton, was read by Mrs. B. W. Hatcher. Addresses were made by Rev. T. C. Britton and Rev. L. N. Chappell, missionaries from China. Mrs. Chappell was present, but on account of ill health, was not able to speak to the ladies.

Miss Heck spoke of the deficit on the Yates Memorial Fund, the work so near the hearts of our North Carolina women, and requested Mr. Chappell to lead in prayer, asking God's guidance in plans formed for raising the remainder of the one thousand dollars.

The following Committee on Resolution was appointed: Miss Roxie Sheets, Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Mrs. D. S. Reid, Mrs. A. A. Butler, Mrs. Jordon Tysor.

Meeting adjourned, after singing, "Rescue the perishing," An informal reception was tendered the missionaries present. The interest of the occasion was heightened by a display of missionary curios, largely a collection of articles sent by North Carolina missionaries.

Saturday Morning.

Religious exercises consisted of responsive Bible reading, lead by the President, with short prayers by a number of ladies.

The report of Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, was read by Miss Eva Liddell, of Charlotte:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To you, dear Sisters of the
North Carolina Societies,

Your Secretary presents the gathered harvest of your year's work. If errors have crept in they were unavoidable. That there has been some confusion in the reports, must be admitted, but as there has been a vast improvement in that line during the last two years, we still hope for a continuance, until our system shall be understood by all and the reports be well nigh perfect.

It is with just pride that this grand report is now placed before you. It can better be appreciated when it is known that not all by far, was given from plethoric purses. By whom, then, was this $4,491.88 contributed? Let this extract taken from a letter received only a short while ago. be the answer. "Our contribution is necessarily small, most of our members having to earn their own living." Ah! the widows mite. Yet it has swelled our report. With the excellent results of the year's work before us, may we not go forth with renewed energy? We do not need power so much as

combination. In order to elicit the largest possible giving, let each one use her influence to organize a Woman's Missionary Society or Mission Band in her church, should there be none. Let us awake to our full duty and return to the Lord's treasury his own. Let us, as the women of old, "minister to him" of our substance, be the gift large or small, even as the Lord has prospered us. Let it be done for Jesus' sake.

To the Self Denial Fund, fifteen societies have contributed. To the Christmas Offering last December and for this year to the present date forty nine societies have contributed, and thirty societies have sent out boxes to our home missionaries.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION—Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Newbern.	
Goldsboro	$ 82 93
Pollocksville	28 95
Kinston	99 62
Newbern	50 92
Mission Band, Kinston	7 65
Sunbeams, Goldsboro	10 00
Sunday School, Newbern	3 24
Tabernacle, Newbern	5 90
BEULAH ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Yanceyville	12 05
Trinity	18 05
BLADEN ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Galeed	14 00

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—Mrs. W. C. Lankford.		
Wake Forest	197	22
Sunbeams, Wake Forest	15	00
Youngsville	21	77
First Church, Raleigh	502	61
Hopkins' Chapel		44
Forestville	22	81
Rolesville	9	70
CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.		
Reynoldson	10	60
Belcross	3	00
Roberdell	2	25
Sandy Cross	1	25
Elam	26	42
Elizabeth City	24	35
Sunbeams, Elizabeth City	5	10
CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.		
Bladen Union	7	85
Judson	6	20
COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.		
Whiteville	82	81
Sunbeams, Whiteville	1	58
EASTERN ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.		
First Church, Wilmington	122	45
Warsaw	13	15
Mt. Olive	9	51
Sunbeams, Magnolia	17	00
Sunbeams, Clinton	5	00
Clinton	40	00
Bear Marsh	1	00

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford	7 15
Oxford	5 00
GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION—No Vice-dent.	
Marion	5 00
Rutherfordton	87 28
KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Shelby	19 00
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Lexington	8 15
MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—Vice-President. Mrs. H. P. Markham, Durham.	
Second Church, Durham	6 30
Mt. Pisgah	24 50
First Church, Durham	104 35
Chapel Hill	11 40
Sunbeams, Durham	5 15
Young Ladies, Durham	10 00
Mt. Gilead	10 55
Sandy Run	1 45
Burlington	18 52
Bell's	3 07
MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Bethel	29 69
MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION.	
Tryon Street, Charlotte	86 82
Olivet	73 80

Children, Olivet	$ 5 00
Young Ladies, Tryon St., Charlotte	82 00
Sunbeams, Tryon St., Charlotte	2 50
Arlington	1 00
PILOT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—No Vice President.	
Leaksville	63 44
Broad Street, Winston	4 00
Mt. Airy	18 00
First Church, Winston	149 54
Sunbeams, Winston	10 00
Second Church Children's Society, Winston	25 00
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—Vice President, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Paris.	
Spring Hill	2 35
Wadesboro	48 60
Rockingham	21 80
Marvin	6 60
Mt. Beulah	5 04
Roberdel	3 10
Deep Creek	1 15
South Wadesboro	4 00
Spring Hill	20 00
PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—No Vice President.	
Greensboro	53 60
Liberty	1 21
Children's Society, Liberty	2 70
RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—No Vice President.	
Sunbeams, Ephesus	23 10
Green Level	8 32
Sunbeams, Cary	10 00

Holly Springs	17 77
Sunbeams and W. M. S., Green Level	5 00
Fayetteville Street Church	7 53
Morrisville	5 80
Sunbeams, Apex	13 90
Tabernacle	136 75
Cary	41 30
Wakefield	33 26
Garner's	4 00
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	2 70
Perry Chapel	3 00
ROBESON ASSOCIATION—No Vice-President.	
Antioch	3 36
Lumberton	117 10
Cedar Creek	4 50
Rennert	6 95
Fayetteville	130 36
Saddle Tree	29 94
Mt. Elim	51
Sunbeams, Lumberton	3 59
Raft Swamp	6 90
Big Branch	13 60
Pleasant Hill	1 52
Tolarsville	2 98
Back Swamp	30 99
Long Branch	7 10
Maxton	11 55
SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.—Miss Laura Lazenby, Statesville.	
Junior Band, Statesville	4 60
Statesville	7 64
SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION—Vice-President, Mrs. M. T. Chapin.	
Pittsboro	7 20

Carthage	77 39
Aberdeen	145 30
Jonesboro	19 12
Albemarle	4 21
Henrietta	74 25
Gum Springs	1 75
Sunbeams, Aberdeen	3 25
Siler City	16 50
TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION—No Vice President.	
Rock Springs	9 10
Poplar Springs	15 00
Sunbeams, Warren Plains	6 17
Rocky Mount	5 00
Cedar Rock	1 55
Scotland Neck	50 60
Henderson	54 56
Sunday School, Pine Grove	2 00
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	3 05
Weldon	5 50
Morrisville	6 28
Warren Plains	5 00
W. CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—Vice-President, Miss Grace T. Brown.	
Creeksville	14 00
Mt. Carmel	5 00
Buckhorn	76 86
Mt. Tabor	34 10
Holly Grove	26 00
Pine Forest	15 19
Roanoke	4 00
Hope Mills	1 40
Roxboro	6 00
Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	3 17
Murfreesboro	3 00

Union		15 80
Cashie		1 42
(No Association given.)		
Johnson's		1 10
Monroe		1 00
Sunbeams, Monroe		1 16
For *Foreign Mission Journal*		2 10
Divided as follows:		
Foreign Missions	$1,033 93	
Christmas Offering	303 24	
Yates Memorial Fund	98 77	
Total Foreign Missions		$1,435 94
Home Missions	689 76	
Week of Self-denial	159 83	
Value of Home Miss. boxes	1,234 39	
Total for Home Missions		$2,083 98
State Missions		329 46
Education (Ministerial)		34 96
Orphanage		46 02
Expense Fund		6 42
Total		$3,936 78

Supplementary Report.

Roanoke	$ 1 75
Clayton	6 62
Second Church, Winston	10 00
Rutherfordton	7 90
Yates Mission Band	35 70
Lumberton	82 10
Bethel	8 76

Roberdel	2 22
Young People's Society, Magnolia	7 50
Union	8 50
Henderson	18 60
Pollocksville	9 80
Rennert	1 70
Fayetteville	5 00
Bell's	2 33
Youngsville	3 00
Reynoldson	6 50
Rockingham	12 40
Wake Forest	54 80
Pittsboro	11 85
Leaksville	5 00
Murfreesboro	48 05
Concord	3 90
Grover	5 00
Siler City	39 40
First Church, Durham	46 60
Laurinburg	5 00
Statesville	5 40
Young Ladies, First Church, Raleigh	5 25
Siloam	1 10
Sunbeams, Morven	55
Aulander	1 00
Elizabeth City	10 00
Wake Forest	6 27
Holly Grove	5 05

Divided as follows:			
Foreign Missions	$ 54 68		
Christmas Offering	17 60		
Yates Fund (from Societies)	190 99		
Yates Fund (from individuals)	62 95		
Total Foreign Missions		$	326 22
Home Missions	$ 42 94		
Value Home Mission boxes	103 80		
Total Home Missions		$	146 74
State Missions			71 59
Education (Ministerial)			3 00
Total		$	547 55

Grand Totals.

Foreign Missions	$1,088 61		
Christmas Offering	320 84		
Yates Memorial Fund	352 71		
Total Foreign Missions		$1,762	16
Home Missions	732 70		
Work of Self-denial	159 83		
Value Home Mission boxes	1,338 19		
Total Home Missions		$2,230	72
State Missions		401	05
Education (Ministerial)		37	96
Orphanage		46	02
Expense Fund		6	42
Total		$4,484	33

Miss Heck stated that since the close of the Secretary's report, December 1st, amounts for the Yates Memorial had been reported sufficient to make the sum now in hand $579.

Societies reported as follows:

Miss Rosa Broughton, Tabernacle Church, Raleigh.—"We are pleased to state that our Society keeps regularly at work, and promptly meets its obligations."

Mrs. C. V. Brooks, Friendship.—"We have recently organized a Society of twenty members. We hope to educate our people in Christian giving."

Miss Lizzie Brooks, Jonesboro.—"We trust we are sowing seed which may bring forth a rich harvest in the stage of maturity."

Mrs. L W. Battle, First Church Durham.—"We believe there is an increase in the spirit of missions among our women. We remembered the Christmas offering, and observed the weeks of prayer and self-denial, which were a blessing to us all."

Mrs. S. C. Carlyle, Lumberton.—"We continue to work with unabated interest. We are glad to report the spiritual condition of our Society good."

Mrs. J. W. Carter, First Church, Raleigh, reported an increase in their contributions during the past year. "We are glad to report the organization of a Young Ladies and Children's Society in our church. We have much to encourage us in looking back over our work."

Mrs. George J. Dowell, Second Church, Durham, reported only a few who take any interest in mission work. "Our desire is to go forward."

Miss E. A. Draughn, Kinston.—"We have not accomplished much, owing to our not meeting monthly, but we are determined, with the

help of the Lord, to do better work during the coming year."

Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Wake Forest.—"We review the eight years since our organization with grateful hearts. The self-denial and prayer weeks are always attended with blessings."

Miss Margaret Harris, Yates' Mission Band, First Church, Raleigh, reported good work along all the lines; contributed to the Yates' Memorial Fund, $10.70. The principal work of the year had been placing a Yates' Memorial Cot in the Hospital in Havana.

Mrs. Hatcher, W. M. Society and Sunbeams, Liberty (both Societies recently organized).—"We are ever ready for work, and hope to be able to do greater things during the coming year."

Mrs. D. F. King, Leaksville.—"We have semi-monthly meetings, the one business, the other devotional."

Miss Eva Liddell, Tryon Street Church, Charlotte.—"We have followed the plans recommended by the Union; observed the week of prayer and self-denial, and Missionary Day. We were glad to contribute to so worthy an object as the Yates' Memorial Fund."

Mrs. E. J. Lynch, Greensboro.—"Some of our members are fully awake to the needs of our Master's work, and are active, cheerful workers."

Mrs. James Long, First Church, Goldsboro.—"We feel sure the missionary spirit is growing in our midst. Each member responded cheerfully to the call for a contribution to the Yates'

Memorial Fund. We have every reason to be encouraged."

Mrs. M. G. McKay, Laurinburg, reported a newly organized Society. "The progress made is very encouraging."

Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Olivet Church, Charlotte, "We feel that our Society has taken on new life, and are glad to be able to report progress."

Mrs. David Reid, First Church, Winston.—"We have a larger number of contributors to missions among our women than we have had for years."

Mrs. W. H. Riggsbee, Burlington.—The Society observed Missionary Day; contributed to the different objects of the Convention. There was a growth in interest.

Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington.—"We have a few faithful members ready for the call of duty. We are weak now, but we trust the future may bring us strength."

Mrs. A. F. Yates, Aberdeen.—"Our contributions exceed those of last year by $100. We feel the Lord has answered our prayers by putting the spirit of giving in our hearts."

Mrs. L. G. Grant, Sunbeams, Goldsboro, reports it hard to get the members to attend.

Miss Maude Harrill, Mission Band, Charlotte. "We are working and praying in the Master's name."

The discussion on the plans to be adopted for the completion of the Yates Memorial was participated in by Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Carter, Miss Sheets, Miss Liddell, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Brown and others.

Miss Liddell moved that owing to the fact that the Christmas offering to China was the

first work of the new year and not to be neglected, that the time for the completion of the Memorial be extended to April. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Pruett and others took part in a conference on Society methods, presenting new and tried plans and methods.

A paper by Mrs. Jones, of Henderson. "Do we need Young Ladies' Missionary Societies," was read by Miss Applewhite.

Miss Zoa Riggsbee, of Durham, followed with suggestions from her personal experience.

Miss Draughn, for the Committee on Plans of Work, submitted the following recommendations, which were unanimously adopted.

PLANS OF WORK.

1. As there are many of our sisters who take no interest in this work, which we love so much, we urge each Society to make every effort during the coming year to increase its membership and to try to interest neighboring churches in the work; also to encourage and aid Associational meetings by sending delegates to them.

2. We would emphasize a systematic giving; giving because we love the Lord, and all we have is his.

3. We would urge that the Secretaries report promptly at the end of each quarter, sending on all money in hand; and let the Secrataries of all Societies see to it that the work done by the Societies is reported in the church letter to the Association.

4. As the printing and postage of the Convention Committee require a fund, we ask every member to contribute something over and above the regular contribution.

5. We are taught by our Lord's example that power comes by prayer, we do most earnestly insist that the Week of Prayer be observed, that we may be endued with wisdom and self-sacrifice to carry the Light of the Gospel into the dark places of the earth.

6. We would emphasize the great necessity of a very earnest effort on the part of the leaders of the Societies to collect a good Christmas offering, as we are anxious to raise the $1.950 asked for by the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington in May.

7. As there can be no interest in Mission work without knowledge, we recommend that every member who can should subscribe to the *Mission Journal.*

8. To teach and train the children and young people to love to work for the Master should continue to be one of the most important lines of work. We also recommend that we use Dr. Broadus' Doctrinal Catechism in our teaching.

9. Leaving our past failures, let us abide in Christ, and being filled with the Holy Spirit, let us press on in the great work, ever remembering that "He leadeth me."

MISS C. A. DRAUGHAN,
MRS. D. F. KING,
MRS. GEO. DOWELL,
MRS. M. A. PAYNE,
MRS. W. H. RIGGSBEE,
MISS LIZZIE BROOKS.

Miss Sheets, for the committee on Resolutions, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, 1*st*. That we express to our President and other officers our sincere appreciation of their work with us, and the great encouragements that they have given us.

2d. That to the pastor and members of the Market Street Methodist Church we give our hearty thanks for the use of their church.

3d. That the visiting brethren have contributed largely to the pleasure and value of these meetings.

4th. That we hereby extend our hearty thanks for the courtesies extended us by the different railroads.

5th. That to the pastor and members of the Baptist Church and other denominations of this city, we give our most sincere thanks for so heartily opening to us their hearts and homes, thereby making our stay with them so very pleasant.

MISS ROXIE SHEETS,
MRS. W. R. GWALTNEY,
MRS. D. S. REID,
MRS. A. A. BUTLER,
MRS. JORDON TYSOR,
Committee.

After prayer by the President, the meeting adjourned to meet at Morganton, N. C., November —, 1896.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES,

AUXILIARY TO THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

THE METHODIST CHURCH,

MORGANTON,

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 1896.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. S., and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society, (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given to the Central Committee.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Methodist Church, Morganton, on Thursday morning, November 12, 1896. Owing to a heavy rainfall, the attendance was small. Devotional exercises were led by Miss Fannie Heck of Raleigh.

Mrs. Laura Winston, Morganton, extended the hospitalities of the town to the visiting ladies. Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte, responded in their behalf.

The following delegates and visitors reported their names:

Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Monroe; Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte; Mrs J. W. Carter, Raleigh; Miss Minnie Miller, Winston; Miss Rosa Broughton, Tabernacle Church, Raleigh; Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston; Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington; Miss Essie Moore, Gastonia; Mrs. G. L. Morgan, Marion.

The election of officers for the session resulted in the election of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, President; Mrs. Frank Bennett, Wadesboro, First Vice-President, and Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. J. W. Carter, Raleigh, Temporary Treasurer.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, submitted her annual report, as follows:

DEAR SISTERS: While bright-faced Hope beckons to the future, which is her own peculiar realm, Wisdom, presiding over the past, sits ever ready to teach deep lessons to all who will look back, seeking them. This year, the tenth; of our existence as a Central Committee, has seemed a time most fitting for a backward glance over our history. It may be that there are lessons of Wisdom by the way; surely there are foundations for future hope, and here a success, there a failure, will say such and such in the past is most full of promise for the coming years.

Glance back, then, with me to the Convention of 1885, which met in Reidsville, N. C. It was a Convention full of deep feeling. Four young missionaries bade farewell to their brethren as they hastened to the Pacific shore, which they should soon see sink into the blue distance, as they turned their faces toward China. In this Convention sat one deeply impressed with the thought that the women of North Carolina should be organized for united work for Missions—Dr. Theo. Whitfield, then pastor in Newbern, now glorified in heaven. Whether or not this Convention led to the belief that the time for action had arrived, I cannot say. Be that as it may, shortly afterward he came to Raleigh and urged the acceptance of the offices of President and Secretary upon two young girls, should a Woman's Central Committee of Missions be appointed by the State Mission Board, of which he was a member. Young and totally inexperienced, they consented, and in

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January, 1886, the Central Committee, consisting of sixteen ladies, if my memory serves me rightly, was appointed.

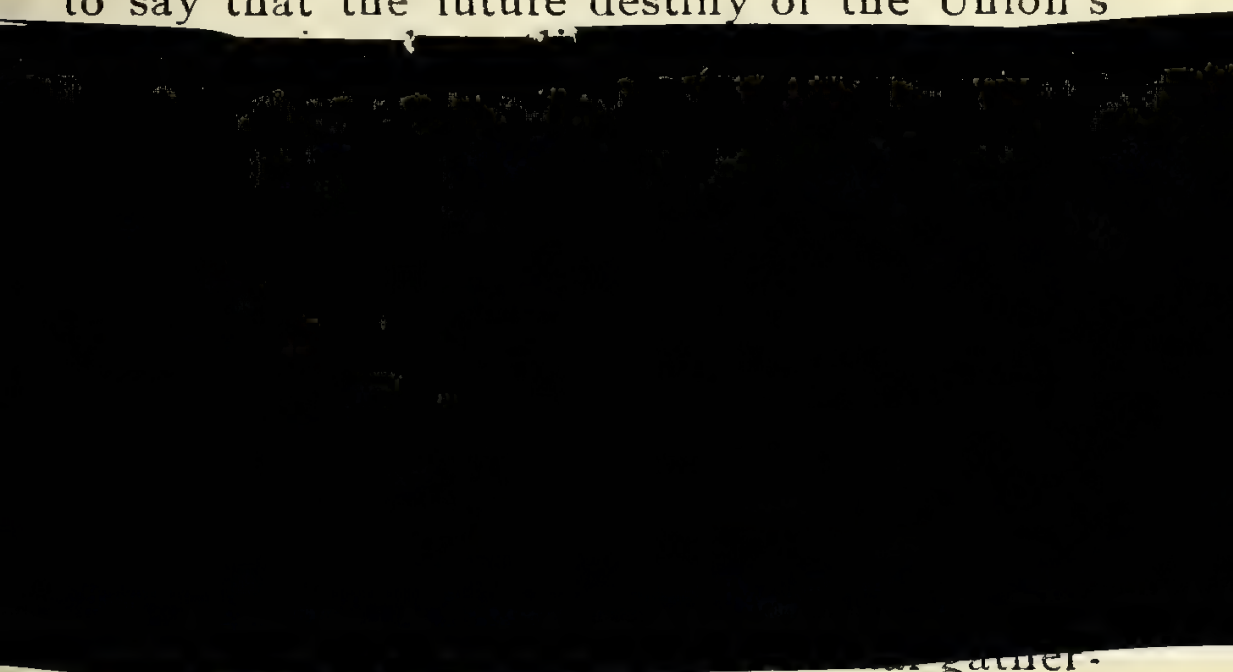
Some ten years before this, another committee had been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the S. B. Convention to organize Societies entirely for Foreign Mission work. Some misunderstanding of their work arising among the brethren, it languished and finally died. From their old book were now obtained the names of forty-one Societies. After every effort had been made to put ourselves in correspondence with these Societies, we could hear of but fourteen who were still at work. Then began a vigorous campaign of organization, and at the close of the Conventional year in November, 1886, giving us a short year's work, like the present, the Committee reported seventy-four Societies organized, making the total number of Societies on the books one hundred and fifteen, the forty-one Societies reported to us still being retained, with the hope that they might yet give signs of life. All but the fourteen above mentioned were finally struck off, still the number increased, and in 1887, when our second report was made, seventy-one more new Societies had been added. In the meantime the increase in contributions kept pace with the growth in numbers. By reference to the reports of the Treasurer of the State Convention for the years 1884-'5, it was found that $500 had been acknowledged as received from Woman's Missionary Societies. The first year's report of

the Central Committee (November, 1886,) showed this amount doubled, the Societies having given $1,000.95. The next year (1887) the increase was nearly as great, the amount reported being $1,718.46. But here, for a time, the great advance from year to year rested. Work went steadily on; new features were added; the system of reports perfected; the little paper, *The Missionary Talk*, a faithful helper, was begun, and carried monthly tidings of the mission fields into twelve hundred homes, while thousands of mission tracts were scattered broadcast over the State.

After a few years' faithful service, Miss Sallie Bailey, (now Mrs. W. N. Jones), who had so faithfully filled the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee from its organization, resigned, her place being taken by Mrs. J. A. Briggs, whose past and present faithfulness is known to you all.

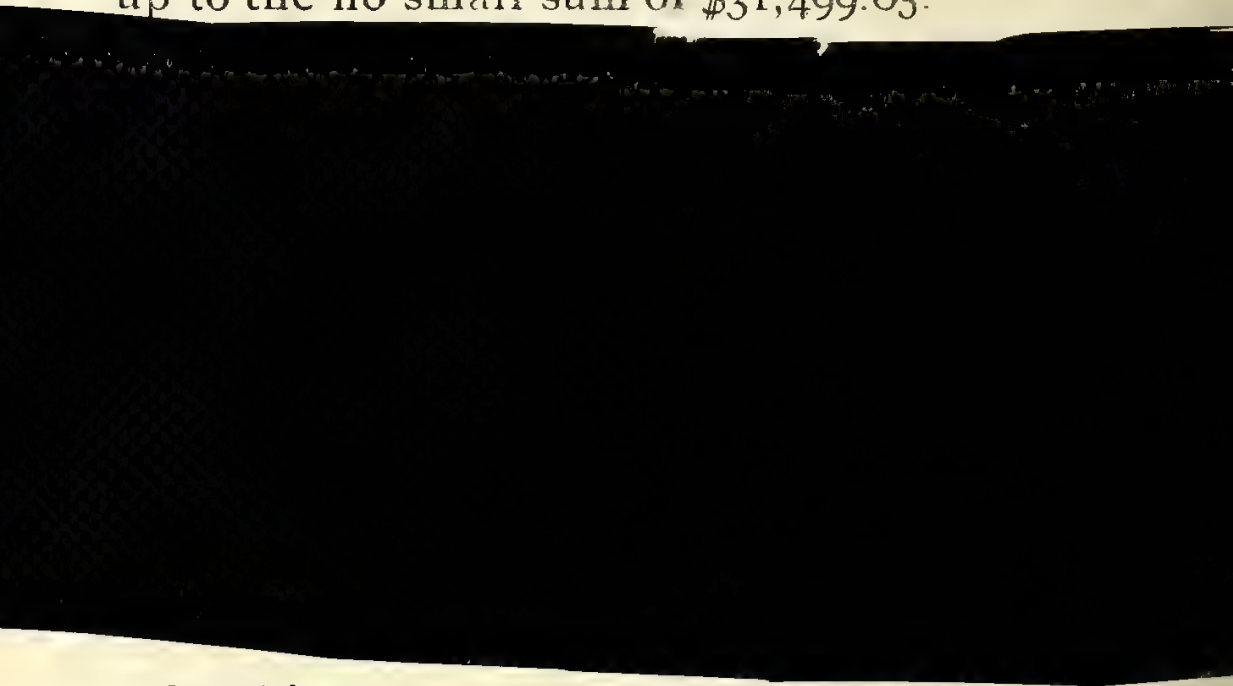
Though apparent growth was not so great in the years from 1887 to 1891, the work was casting deep roots in the affections of the Baptists of North Carolina. Some had feared this movement among the women, and more had stood aside to see it work itself out. Gradually those who had feared became those who encouraged, and those who had been lookers-on became those who aided. As our North Carolina work grew, there was growing up throughout the bounds of all the Southern States a desire for an organization which would embrace and unify the work of all the State Central Committees of the Southern Baptist churches, and in

May, 1888, the organization of the W. M. Union was effected. In North Carolina were some who feared this larger movement, and, leaning to the side of prudence and patience, the North Carolina Committee waited for the time when all should willingly agree to their connection with the Union. This time came in May, 1891, and since then we have worked in the closest sympathy and love with this organization, the President of the North Carolina Committee having been for four years President also of the Union. It is falling short of reasonable hope to say that the future destiny of the Union's



ing for the encouragement of the workers, unity of plans and deepening of effort, the Woman's Missionary Societies were invited to send representatives to a meeting held at the same time as the Sunday School Convention, which met in Raleigh, March, 1891. Here plans were perfected for the First Annual

Meeting, held in Goldsboro during the session of the Baptist State Convention, November, 1891. Prosperity was with us. To this first meeting the Societies sent up a report of $3,128.14, an increase of more than $2,000 over the previous year. This First Annual Meeting, coming as it did in the same year with our connection with the Union, was an upward turning in our history. I will not weary you with the statement of each year's increase, which, however, I give below for future reference. Suffice it to say, that the total of our gifts sum up to the no small sum of $31,499.05.



Our high-water mark was reached in the report of 1893, which embodied most of the increase of contributions caused by the efforts of the Centennial Year of Missions. That year the Societies lacked only a few dollars of giving $5,000. Then the waves receded, and as yet have not again come quite so high.

Since 1891 the work has changed little in its general character, nor would we have it change. If Wisdom says the past was good, we would react it better in the future. Some things have been added, a few left off. While we by no means claim perfection for the Central Committee plans, its ends seem to us, looking backward, better served by growth than revolution. What that growth has been, these brief memorial words have sought to tell on this, our decennial. Let us now consider more particularly the work of the year just closed.

A year—a year crowded with golden opportunities! Moments never to be recalled! How have they been spent? This generation of ours, the men and women living, breathing, growing old with you and me, the generation to which you and I must minister if we would leave any work to follow us, has kept step with us along the narrowing isles to death, the grave, eternity,—an eternity of joy or woe. Has our year's work tended to lift up heavenward any of this mighty multitude of the men and women of your day and mine?

Last year when we met in annual session our thoughts were turned with deep concern to the completion of the Yates Memorial. This work, begun with loving, admiring zeal, seemed to languish. With anxious hearts and thoughtful minds, we took council together how it might be brought to full completion. Prayer, and even tears, were mingled as we spoke together. What wonder, then, that we went away from that meeting with a mind to work—and work

we did, so that ere the first meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May the sum hoped for—$1,000—was more than completed, the amount now in hand for this purpose being $1,134.27. In the meantime the Christmas Offering came, and I rejoice to say that this regular work was not neglected for the special offering. Though it failed to reach so large an amount as it had done before, $256.28 was acknowledged as our Christmas gift to China. But was it because the Memorial was not yet completed that our contributions to the Week of Self-denial for Home Missions lessened? However that may be, there was here a lamentable falling off, only $79.48 against $159.83 of the year previous, being reported. The year passed on. The Southern Baptist Convention convened, and to it was reported a heavy debt on our Foreign Mission work. Rarely have I seen such concern of spirit as rested on those who had this great work in charge. This debt *must* be raised, or its weight would crush the work, out of whose imperative needs it had arisen. Large contributions were made towards it by the Convention, and an urgent appeal was brought to the Woman's Missionary Union. In response to this appeal, brought home from this meeting, more than $200 was given, by a few ladies, in most cases active members of our Societies. At the meeting of the Union just referred to, the Childrens' Mission work began, and so well carried forward by Dr. George Braxton Taylor, was formally given into its hands. This necessitated little change in our

North Carolina plans, as Dr. Taylor's work among the Sunbeams in the State had always been carried on through the Central Committee. The occasion was, however, seized to again urge on the W. M. S. the importance of organizing the children for mission study. All during the summer and fall a gratifying interest has been shown in this work, and a number of children's societies have been formed, while many are thinking along this line. To such an extent has this work grown that your Committee has thought it wise to add to its number one who will act as Band Superintendent, taking, in direct connection with the Committee, the correspondence with the Children's Missionary Societies, already formed, and the encouragment of the formation of others, together with the editorship of the Children's Corner, the new feature of our Missionary Column in the *Recorder*. It is with great pleasure that I give to you the name of our new Band Superintendent, Miss Lizzie Briggs, of Raleigh, whom I trust you will aid in every way in your power in her important and growing work.

The short Conventional year drew to its close. The cry of hard times resounded mournfully on every side, and we almost feared to gather up the figures of the year for the Annual Report, lest they should fall far behind those of last year. But we need not have feared. Despite hard times, the eleven months' year and all beside, we present the year's report with thankfulness. Though five hundred and fifteen dollars less than last year, this deficiency is more

than accounted for by the bearing of the early meeting upon a single feature of our work —that of box-packing. Boxes to almost the number of those packed last year are now in course of preparation, but could not yet be reported, consequently against boxes to the value of $1,338.19, reported last year, our report includes only $451.07 worth of "God's boxes," as they have been well called. Let me call your attention to the fact that our monied contributions to Home Missions are the only ones which are not larger this year than last. Sisters, this ought not so to be. Who shall say which is greater, State, Home, or Foreign Missions. Like three sisters, they go hand in hand—one cannot suffer without the other feeling a kindred pang. If we seek for souls, what work has been more blessed than that of Home Missions? Last year our contributions to this branch of our work leaped forward to $2,230.72. Make this the future measure of our possibilities and our hopes.

To sum up that part of the work which falls, particularly the President's share, leaving to the Corresponding Secretary the further statement of monies received, I report:

New Societies organized	48
Quarterly letters	1,075
Other letters	1,157
Postals	91
Leaflets, etc., distributed	6,831

Besides this, the Woman's Missionary Column in the *Recorder* has been edited. Much aid

has been rendered and grateful mention is made of Miss Lizzie Hicks, who has taken taken charge of the mailing of literature.

The report of the year's work would be incomplete did it not refer to the work of Vice-Presidents of the Associations, of whom we now have eight: Mrs. H. B. Duffy, Mrs. S. M. Robbins, Mrs. A. J. Ellis, Mrs. H. P. Markham, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mrs. H. T. Chapin, Miss Laura Lazenby, Miss Grace Brown. The success attending the work, especially of Mrs. Frank Bennett in the Pee Dee Association, and Miss Grace Brown in the West Chowan, has been especially marked, though much hard work has gone to make every forward step.

And what of the future? As was said in the last Annual Report, so now I say, I come with no new plans. I only ask that into the old tried ways may be put more of heart and life, filled and animated by the Divine Spirit. For the new year I would plead for more personal work for missions—not merely the giving of money, but the giving of self. While still there remain any near us, be their color or nationality what it may, who need the blessed news of salvation and have or heed it not, *we* are God-commissioned missionaries. See that we neglect not him who calleth. In Psalms 68: 11, as the New Version reads, is given the ideal of all Woman's Missionary Societies: "The Lord giveth the word : the woman that publish the tidings are a great host." God has given the word. It is our to tell it out; ours to lift up to the world Christ "evidently crucified among them." The world

waits, longing for a Saviour. The wild dwellers of the Egyptian desert spring to arms when it is said the Messiah of their tribe has come; the Indians of our western plains turn ever to the east looking for a promised deliverer. They worship, hoping, they know not what. We know our Lord—the Incarnate Word. Shall we not publish to them Him who has come to loose the captive and give peace to every longing soul? Ten thousand captives' pardon, freedom and healing, lies within our hands; can we, or dare we, withhold from them the glad tidings our Saviour died to bring?

FANNIE E. S. HECK.

Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Secretary of the Central Committee, submitted the following report, read by Miss Rosa Broughton:

The Annual Report of the Woman's Central Committee, 1896.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION—

Pollocksville	$ 27 78
Goldsboro	86 55
Kinston	65 54
Newbern	33 66
Tabernacle, Newbern	11 70
Sunbeams, Kinston	7 81
Vandamere	3 50
Sunbeams, Goldsboro	15 00
Beaufort	5 00
Strabane	2 00

Soulsbury reporting 18—

BEULAH ASSOCIATION—

Trinity	8 60
Yanceyville	7 08
Reidsville	33 75

BLADEN ASSOCIATION—

Galleed	14 25

CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION—

Southport	2 01

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Hope Mills	12 49
Bladen Union	2 00

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—

Wake Forest	147 94
Youngsville	33 37
Mt. Vernon	28 10
Perry's Chapel	9 55
First Church, Raleigh	302 81
Sunbeams, Wake Forest	24 90
Forestville	22 03
Yates' Band, Raleigh	5 00
Sunbeams, Youngsville	2 76
Rolesville	2 21
Young People, Franklinton	3 50
Sunbeams, Rolesville	10 00
Bayboro	9 00

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—

Reynoldson	12 97
Elizabeth City	27 00
Sunbeams, Elizabeth City	1 25

Sawyer's Creek	16 25
Middle Swamp	5 00
Chowan Church	1 86
COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION—	
Whiteville	25 94
Sunbeams, Whiteville	2 59
EASTERN ASSOCIATION—	
First Church, Wilmington	36 72
Bear Marsh	4 50
Young People, Magnolia	9 50
Warsaw	12 25
Mt. Olive	33 94
Sunbeams, Clinton	5 00
Clinton	2 80
FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION—	
Sunbeams, Oxford	7 00
Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford	71 87
Sunbeams, Roxboro	17 40
Oxford	14 00
FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION—	
Mars' Hill	4 90
GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION—	
Rutherfordton	45 18
Marion	14 66
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—	
Lexington	12 80
Thomasville	13 80
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION—	
Friendship	2 15

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—

Burlington	17 55
First Church, Durham	68 25
Second Church, Durham	7 20
Red Mountain	50
Chapel Hill	17 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 20
Bell's	5 28
Mt. Gilead	5 66

MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION—

Bethel	7 25
A Lady, Allenton Ferry	10 00

KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—

Ladies, Shelby	12 00

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION—

Tryon Street Charlotte	116 30
Young People, Charlotte, Tryon St	64 75
Olivet	29 60
Concord	4 00

PILOT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—

Mt. Airy	26 70
Leaksville	26 70
First Church, Winston	28 15
Sunbeams, Broad Street, Winston	27 50
Sunbeams, First Church, Winston	10 00
Young Ladies, Winston	10 00
Mrs. Brown's S. S. Class, Winston	10 00

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—

Roberdel	13 68
North Wadesboro	49 76

Mt. Beulah	5 27
Spring Hill Church	2 15
Spring Hill, W. M. S	68 78
Lilesville	4 75
Morven	6 55
Rockingham	27 53
Sunbeams, Rockingham	5 53
South Wadesboro	2 80
Laurinburg	127 27
Sunbeams, Morven	2 46
Pee Dee Church	1 45
Tabernacle, Wadesboro	50
Ladies, Wadesboro	13 00

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—

Sunbeams Greensboro	4 00
Greensboro	98 25
Liberty	6 40
Sunbeams, Liberty	5 74
Young Ladies, South Greensboro	25 50
Macedonia	1 80
Sunbeams, Macedonia	35

RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—

Mt. Moriah	2 00
Mt. Hermon	4 10
Hepzibah	8 82
Sunbeams, Apex	30 00
Apex	44 26
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	5 27
Holly Springs	12 75
Sunbeams, Fayetteville St. Church Raleigh	7 64
Tabernacle	150 61

Cary	6 80
Sunbeams, Ephesus	27 91
Clayton	15 37
Garners	17 35
Wakefield	10 00
Ephesus	1 00
Morrisville	5 09

ROBESON ASSOCIATION—

Pleasant Hill	5 60
Back Swamp	31 18
Saddle Tree	13 41
Fayetteville	11 00
Rennert	9 22
Cedar Grove	1 30
Raft Swamp	23 20
Big Branch	6 00
Lumberton	79 33
Spring Hill	6 39
Maxton	18 30
Antioch	14 91
Long Branch	5 68
Sunbeams, Lumberton	7 76
Judson	1 50
Tolarsville	4 10

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Jonesboro	13 62
May's Chapel Hill	8 00
Siler City	2 65
Sunbeams, Siler City	2 88
Pittsboro	20 71
Aberdeen	47 33
Sunbeams, Aberdeen	2 78
Carthage	18 10

South River Association—	
Salem	13 00
South Yadkin Association—	
Statesville	12 60
Union Association—	
Mission Workers, Monroe	15 45
Beaver Dam	15 00
Marshville	13 80
Sandy Run Association—	
Henrietta	14 00
Tar River Association—	
Henderson	73 91
Sunbeams, Henderson	10 50
Littleton	27 55
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	3 15
Sunbeams, Rocky Mount	27 50
Poplar Springs	20 75
Red Bud	5 47
Weldon	3 00
Scotland Neck	72 18
Maple Springs	13 05
Warren Plains	4 30
Sunbeams, Warren Plains	2 70
Suttons	6 00
West Chowan Association—	
Mt. Tabor	26 98
Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	15 31
Pine Forest	10 33
Mt. Carmel	4 00

Elam	28 50
Union	2 50
Roanoke	4 90
Buckhorn	21 95
Holly Grove	7 70
Ladies of Aulander	10 00
Cashie	8 00
Pleasant Grove	1 05
Seaboard	12 92
Bethlehem	10 00

No Association Given—

Infant Class, Farmington	3 50
Mrs. Dr. Rogers	1 00
S. S., Bethlehem	5 00
Mrs. W. C. Petty	6 00
Miss C. Fuller	2 25
Miss M. Neal	1 00
Mrs. Gunter	1 00
Mrs. Curtis	50
Mrs. Freeman	50
Miss Lillie	2 00
Oregon Church	2 10
Miss Darden	1 60
A lady, Winston	10
Miss Harrel	4 00
Miss Vann	1 00
Mrs. Wheeler	5 00
Shiloh	4 00
Miss Darden	1 00
Miss Gatling	1 00
Miss Joyner	25
Miss Jessup	1 00
Mrs. Muril	1 00

Fort Barnwell	1 00
Mrs. Gore	15 00
Mrs. Edwards	20 00
Mrs. Skinner	5 00
Mrs. Bell	5 00
Mrs. Baxter	5 00
Mrs. Stroud	3 75
Mrs. Grayson	5 00
Mrs. Foushee	5 00
Mrs. Aydlett	5 00
Mrs. VanDeventer	5 00
Mrs. Morehead	5 00
Mrs. White	5 00
Mrs. Vance	5 01
Mrs. Wooten	73
Mrs. Dowd	10 00
Mrs. Covington	25 00
Mrs. Bagley	5 00
Mrs. Frank Shields	5 00
Mrs. W. J. Allen	1 00
Mrs. Ramsaur	5 00

Divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,187 18	
Christmas Offering	256 28	
Yates Fund	728 72	
Total Foreign Missions		$2,172 18
Home Missions	$ 418 90	
Value of Boxes	395 46	
Self-denial	79 48	
Total Home Misssions		$ 893 84

State Missions	$ 518 94	
State Mission Boxes	33 00	
Total for State Missions		$ 551 94
Orphanage	$ 52 18	
Value of Boxes	37 00	
Total for Orphanage		$ 89 18
Education		15 25
Ministerial		13 25
Expense Fund		1 95
Total		$3.737 59

Supplementary Report.

Leaksville	$ 34 42
First Church, Winston	5 00
Durham	10 00
Raft Swamp	9 80
Sunbeams, Morven	1 00
Morven	3 00
Middle Swamp	7 00
Tabernacle, Newbern	3 10
Lumberton	55 61
Sunbeams, Lumberton	26 50
Sunbeams, Ephesus	3 00
Smyrna	5 00
New Bethany	2 00
Rockingham	2 00
Long Branch	3 00
Kinston	5 00
Pittsboro	6 60

Oxford	6 70
Sunbeams, Oxford	1 00
Olivet	7 00
Joford	50
Mt. Vernon	3 35
Concord	3 12
Mt. Tabor	7 40
First Church, Wilmington	15 35
Reidsville	1 65
Roanoke	2 25

Divided as follows:

State Missions	$ 59 74
Foreign Missions	43 57
Home Missions	20 51
Value Boxes, Home Missions	55 61
Orphanage	7 00
Value of Boxes for Orphanage	43 92
Total	$230 35

Grand Totals.

Foreign Missions	$1,230 75	
Christmas Offering	256 28	
Yates Fund	728 72	
Total for Foreign Missions		$2,215 75
Home Missions	$ 439 41	
Value of Boxes	451 07	
Self-denial Fund	79 48	
Total for Home Missions		$ 969 96

State Missions	$ 578 68	
Value of Boxes	33 00	
Total for State Missions		$ 611 68
Orphanage	$ 59 18	
Value of Boxes	80 93	
Total for Orphanage		$ 140 10
Education		$ 15 25
Relief Fund		13 25
Expense Fund		1 95
Grand Total		$3,967 94

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. A. BRIGGS, *Cor. Sec. C. C.*

One specially precious and helpful feature of the meeting was a ten minute prayer and praise service held each session.

Dr. Whitsitt, of the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was introduced and spoke, requesting the women to use their influence to send young ministers to the Seminary.

Only reports from Societies who had representatives present were read.

Miss Liddell, Tryon Street Church, Charlotte: "We promised that this year should show better work than last. We have in a measure fulfilled that promise. We have suffered a heavy loss this year by the death of our beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Pritchard, who was ever a friend of missions. Contributions to all purposes the past year, $147.50."

Mrs. Harvey Crist, First Church, Winston, reported an increased interest in missions.

Sunbeams, First Church, Winston, contributed to missions during the year, $20.

Miss Rosa Broughton, Tabernacle, Raleigh, reports renewed interest in their Society, new members being enrolled at almost every meeting. A Sunbeam Society has been orgauized. Society pledged $80, and almost doubled it. Increased its pledge to $100 this year.

Miss Minnie Miller, Young Ladies' Society, First Church, Winston: "We organized our Society January, 1896. Have 18 members. All much interested in the work."

Mrs. J. W. Carter, First Church, Raleigh, said: "The W. M. S. Society did much work besides that directly to missions in aiding the poor of the city. Its total contributions this year were $562.50, of which $302.81 had been reported through the Central Committee for Home, State and Foreign Missions. The annual box to a Home Missionary was this year valued at $75."

The Societies sent reports: Yates Mission Band (Children's Society) First Church, Raleigh. This Society had added some city work to its regular mission study and giving. The interest of its members have not decreased. Total contributions, $27.95.

W. M. S., Lumberton: Ten new members have been added during the year. Looking back upon the year's work it seems good, considering the sickness and misfortunes of some of the members. Total report, $141.09.

Young Ladies, Greensboro: Society only a year old. Members, twenty. During the year

have contributed to Yates Memorial Fund, Self-denial Fund, Foreign, State and City Missions.

Young Ladies, Charlotte: Members twenty. Contributions, $62.66.

W. M. S., Salem, South River Association: Began in March, 1896, with sixteen members. We now number thirty. While giving for missions we had done mission work in our immediate neighborhood, and while aiding the poor have also endeavored to bring the unsaved to Christ. Some of our sweetest moments have been found in this work.

W. M. S., Kinston: Our Society has increased its contributions in money this year, and there is more interest in the work. Our box to the Frontier Missionary is now in course of preparation.

W. M. S, Wake Forest: Our average attendance is twenty. The interest is unabating, and the members manifest enthusiasm in the work. Contributions this year, $173.40.

The session closed by singing "More Love to Thee."

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Laura Winston, of Morganton, after which Dr. Willingham addressed the ladies. He said he would refresh them with three cups of tea—Think, Toil, Talk. He also spoke of the Yates Memorial, and suggested Bro. Britton, a true, earnest, consecrated man, as one fitted to be our Memorial Missionary.

Questions were asked by the members of the meeting. Further discussion of Yates Memorial Missionary was left over till Friday morning.

Mrs. Carter conducted a prayer and praise service Expressions of praise and thankfulness were given by several ladies.

Miss Heck then offered the following resolutions of respect, which were adopted:

Remembering with love and affection the ever-ready aid, council and sympathy given to the organized Woman's Work of Missions in North Carolina by Dr. Thomas H. Pritchard, we, the representatives of the W. M. Societies of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, assembled in annual session, do—

Resolve, That in his removal from service to glory our work has lost a warm and loved friend, the remembrance of whose hopes for large and ever increasing service by the women in the extension of God's kingdom at home and abroad, shall be to us a continual incentive to renewed efforts for God and humanity.

A paper on "The Children of the Church," by Miss Applewhite, of Greensboro, was read by Mrs. Hight C. Moore, of Monroe.

Miss Roxie Sheets, of Lexington, spoke of "How to Increase Mission Funds."

Mrs. Harvey Crist, of Winston, told something of the "Hows in Home Missions."

Session adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Miss Liddell conducted devotional exercises.

Miss Fannie Heck read Miss Laura Lazenby's paper, "The Society's Duty to State Missions," to which she added an earnest appeal that more attention be given on the part of the Societies to State Missions, and that more be done for this cause Mrs. Carter also added impressive words on this subject.

The subject of sending Mr. Britton as the Yates Memorial Missionary was discussed. By consent of meeting the matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee, with power to act.

Rev. J. E. White, Raleigh, conducted a short praise service, after which he made an earnest and urgent appeal for State Missions, thanked the ladies for their help in the past and said they must now help as never before.

At the conclusion of Mr. White's address the following resolution, which was adopted, was offered by Mrs. Crist:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina be asked to give this year $2,500 to Foreign Missions, $2,000 to Home Missions, and $1,500 to State Missions.

Mrs. Carter spoke of missions to our next-door neighbors. A discussion as to the advisability of urging work among the destitute of our towns and cities and country neighborhoods upon the Societies followed. Some additions to the Quarterly Report, by which these efforts could be summed up, was suggested.

Miss Liddell spoke of "Hopes and Work for 1896–'97." To her it seemed that larger things must come from larger self-giving. Her closing remarks were these: "Our hope for this year is, that all the Societies here represented may pray with more faith and work with more zeal until the ideal of Woman's Missionary Union is attained—a Society in every church and every woman a member."

After prayers by different ones, and singing, "God be with you till we meet again," this pleasant and helpful meeting adjourned to meet in Oxford, December, 1897.

Recommendations of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards of the S. B. C. to the Woman's Missionary Union.

FOREIGN BOARD.

1. That the Christmas Offering for 1896 be devoted to China, that wondrous open door of God's Providence for our generation.

2. That the Societies make an effort to raise for Foreign Missions $30,000.

3. That special effort be made to give greater success than ever before to Missionary Day, in connection with the Sunday School Board.

4. That the Woman's Missionary Union devise plans for taking up and conducting the Sunbeam Work, which has been turned over to the Board by Rev. Geo. Braxton Taylor.

5. That the Societies of the Union make earnest efforts to press the claims and increase the circulation of the *Mission Journal*.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

1. The Home Mission Board asks that the Woman's Mission Societies make an effort to raise for its work during the Conventional year 1896–'97, thirty thousand dollars, one-half in cash to aid in paying the salaries of our missionaries, and the other half in boxes of supplies for those of them upon the frontier.

2. We invite special attention to the work among the colored women and children in and about our homes. While the two Baptist Home Mission organizations of America are co-operat-

ing to elevate this race, no more helpful work can be done than may be done by the Baptist women of the South for the moral and intellectual improvement of these women. On this all true progress depends. There is placed before us an open door. May many enter it to engage in this Christ-like work.

3. The Board renews its earnest solicitation that the wants of our foreign population, Mexicans, Germans, French, Chinese, Indians and the struggling Cubans may receive special favor from the Baptist women of the South. Let not our cities become as some of the great cities of this and other Continents, nor our rural districts as some sections of the country where our Christian Sabbath is set at naught.

4. The Board suggests that the Mission Societies take special interest in the *Mission Journal* of the Convention, and also in *Kind Words* and *Our Young People's Leader*. These are helpful to every department of our mission work, and we would gladly see their circulation greatly increased.

5. Gratefully acknowledging the liberal help the Board has received in past years from the Week of Self-Denial, we earnestly ask for its observance in the interest of our Home Mission Work during the coming year.

WORK OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.
1895-1896.

S. B. C. Missions.	Mission-aries.	Native Helpers	Churches	Baptisms	Members
Africa	6	8	6	51	247
Brazil	11	8	14	273	783
China	41	44	19	152	1266
Italy	3	28	21	79	430
Japan	6	4	1	3	40
Mexico	19	18	37	177	1035
Total	86	110	98	735	3801

WORK OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

PLACES.—Every Southern State and Territory and Cuba.

PEOPLES.—Americans, Indians, Chinese, Cubans, Mountain People, Negroes, Germans, French, and other foreigners.

PURPOSE.—That every creature within the bounds of the Southern States and Cuba shall hear the Word of the Lord.

PROGRESS.—Missionaries in 1882, 36; in 1896, 411. Contributions in 1882, $18,120; in 1896, $75 927.54. Baptisms in 1882, 119; in 1896, 5,617. Received by baptisms and letters from 1882 to 1892, 67,169. Churches built, 1882 to 1892, 640. Baptist increase in the South from 450,000 to 2,500,000 in fifty years.

PROMPTINGS.—In Missouri there are 800,000 Germans among whom the Board is doing the only Baptist work. The Negroes of the South number 7,000,000. The Mountain people are said to number 400,000. In the island of Cuba we have 24 missionaries and 2,698 members, but the whole island is open and our work has only begun. Out of 100 patients in the Havana Baptist Hospital 30 became Christians.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. S., and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representaitve from each Society, (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Friday, December 10, 1897, at 9.30 o'clock. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh, conducted opening devotional exercises, in which Miss Draughan, Miss Brown, Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Murchison, and others, took part.

Mrs. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford, made address of welcome, to which Mrs. J. C. Murchison, of Greensboro, responded.

The following delegates were enrolled: *

Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston; Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Oxford; Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington; Mrs. A. J. Ellis, West End, Raleigh; Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson; Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton; Miss Grace Brown, Murfreesboro; Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro; Mrs. J. E. White, Cary; Miss Maud Reid, Tabernacle, Raleigh; Miss M. W. Lockett, Yanceyville; Mrs. W. O. Allen, Wake Forest; Miss Edna J. Hudson, Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford; Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; Miss E. Jennie Long, Sunbeams, Rockingham; Mrs. P. W. Johnson, Wake Forest; Mrs. J. C. Phelps, Weldon; Mrs. D.

* Should any names be omitted, it is owing to the unfortunate misplacing of official list of delegates.

L. King, Leaksville; Mrs. T. H. Cannaday, Oxford; Mrs. J. Patterson, Youngsville; Miss Dorky Pennington, Albemarle; Miss Lessie Green, Wakefield; Mrs. Samuel A. Howard, Ora; Miss Lola Jackson, Maplesville; Mrs. A. A. Butler, Franklinton; Mrs. D. Rich, First Church, Winston; Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Monroe; Miss Susan W. G. Clark, Young Ladies' Society, First Church, Raleigh; Miss Nettie Elmore, Sunbeams, Henderson; Miss Addie Daniels, Lystra; Mrs. L. W. Battle, Sunbeams, First Church, Durham; Miss Mary Lemay, Island Creek; Miss Mary Roberson; Mrs. T. H. Briggs, First Church, Raleigh; Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Lumberton; Miss Riggsbee, Young Ladies, Durham; Miss Minnie Upchurch, Raleigh Tabernacle; Miss Julia M. D. Knott, Hesters' Church; Miss Cora Patrick, Rockingham; Mrs. W. A. Lane, Monroe; Mrs. J. R. Boykin, Wilson; Mrs. T. T. White, Elizabeth City; Miss Cornie Petty, Rockingham; Miss F. E. S. Heck, Raleigh; Miss Ellie Macon; Mrs. W. C. Tyree, W. M. S., Durham, Mrs. J. L. Allen, Forestville.

A number of visitors from Societies were present, but as each Society is entitled to only one delegate, only names of delegates are recorded.

Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Oxford, was called to the chair and presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh; First Vice-President, Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Raleigh;

Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hancock, Oxford; Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Oxford.

As President of the Woman's Central Committee, Miss Heck made her annual address, as follows:

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

As each year, dear fellow-laborers, I am called on to sum up our twelve months' work in an annual address, I feel as one set on a watch-tower to report to the toilers below, not what she has done, but what she sees being done; who, looking here and there, sees this group of workers advancing, this one lagging, the work as a whole progressing or falling back, the foes lurking on the borders, the signs of promise in the sky.

You have set me in the watch-tower, and it is for me to tell the signs of the times as from my eyrie I survey your work, not mine.

Let me first remind you that God speaks through the history of each year. Our ears are far too dull to catch each word and meaning; we hear, but only say, like the dull-eared Jews around the Saviour, "It thunders"—'tis nothing but the trend of time, the ordinary course of events.

It is trite to call this the woman's century. But if it is, who made it so? Did it come by chance? Who rules the centuries and shapes them towards the final universal triumph of His Son? It is true we have come far in this

hundred years—far from where the gifted Fannie Burney trembled lest her friends should discover her sin in knowing a little Latin, or from the beautiful Marie Antoinette whose spelling so distressed her Empress mother. It remained, however, for a missionary in America, and a Baptist, fearless in the might of the Almighty, strong in eternal strength, to step out into the larger sphere of work for God and humanity, to thrill the world by her fortitude and heroism, to show Christian women their ministry to women, and call them to follow in her footsteps, which followed close in those of Him who went about doing good. To Ann Judson more than any other woman must we accord the glory, little thought of by her, of opening up this century of woman's Christian progress. Instead of her whose weary body was laid to rest beneath the lonely *hopia*—tree of hope—seventy years ago, six thousand Christian women to-day tell forth the Gospel story in every heathen clime, while standing back of them with prayers and gifts, if need be, sacrifice and tears, are seventy-five great women's organizations, like our own Woman's Missionary Union, whose united income reaches more than two millions each year. Has God no meaning in this? Is He not calling with a voice more loud than even the angels' voices on the Saviour's natal morn, to us, His daughters, to take up that morning's glad refrain and send resounding round this sin-deafened world, the glad, good

cry, "Peace on earth, good will towards men, for unto you is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord?"

Shall we have no part in this chorus, no voice in the mighty, earth-encircling praise which shall go up from every tongue, in every land? No, we have a part, our voices join the swelling song. God grant we sing in tune with the beat of heavenly time, nor faster, slower than He would, atune our lives unto His glorious widening anthem. First, then, from my watch-tower I would report many and great signs of progress.

Do all signs point this way? I was startled some time ago to receive a tract entitled, "The Decline of Missionary Enthusiasm." I had never thought of it thus. The writer questioned if, while there is more general interest in missions, more knowledge of their needs, more general giving to them, there was that glowing, burning, consuming enthusiasm for their progress and success that marked the pioneers in this work, those who hewed out the paths along which tread the missionary organization in this country and missionary work in the regions beyond. While numbers have increased, has the enthusiasm of each member of the increasing host declined? Do we hang entranced on the accounts of missionary labors as our forefathers did? Would we lean over the plain, black-bound "Life of Ann Judson" as our grandmothers, did far into the night? In an admirable paper read before a large meeting some weeks ago the writer said: "I fear that

some, after subscribing for the "Mission Journal," forget to read it." Has there been no decline in enthusiasm when this is so? The missionary principle having been planted, we follow its growth placidly, giving easily, praying quietly, thinking more of missions but knowing little of the missionaries. A principle may be planted and become a sturdy growth upon which the whole life leans and clings. Enthusiasm is a fire that demands constant fuel. Who can doubt that, if in the breast of each of the great host who have now allied themselves for missions there burned that steady enthusiasm which warmed into flame the zeal of the few supporters of missions in the early days of the century, this world would be full of the knowledge of God before the coming century was twenty years on its way? There are two kinds of fuel needed for this missionary fire—the words of Christ and the works of His missionary followers, touched into flame by the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit. Love of Christ and knowledge of Him as He is manifesting Himself in blessings on His followers or triumphing through their lives, must unite to form true missionary enthusiasm. In my opinion we have methods enough and enough interested through these methods to speedily convert the world if all were but fired with holy zeal. It is said that three hundred heathen women depend for their knowledge of salvation on each Christian woman. For such a stupendous task we need the strength and enthu-

siasm that God alone can impart, but with it, it were not a hopeless task for each before her own life's close to feel assured that through her efforts her three hundred had at least heard.

Progress there is on every hand. From my watch-tower I would only sound this note of warning, less we count our members rather than our spirit. History teaches one unmistakable lesson from all armies it is the spirit, rather than numbers or discipline which decides upon whose banners victory shall perch.

Time would fail me to speak of the wonderful progress I descry in mission fields—a growth that far outstrips the increase on our gifts, for Christ ever multiplies the loaves we give into his hands to feed the hungry thousands. We give the means to plant the seed; He multiplies that seed some thirty, some sixty, some an hundredfold. But I cannot even make mention of this. Look each on for yourself, and see and wonder and praise. Add, as I have said, the fuel of a world-wide knowledge of missions to your mission zeal.

But these, you say, are world signs. What of our own particular field, our own division of God's work—the Woman's Mission work in the Baptist churches of North Carolina? Is there progress there? Yes, much, and promise of yet more. In my last annual report I reviewed the growth made in the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our State from the appointment of the Woman's Central Committee in 1886. I need

not now go over this history further than to say that from fourteen Societies to our present number, from a contribution of $500 the year before the Committee's appointment to our report to-day, is progress so great that we can but say, behold what God hath wrought. We would not have *dared* to ask so much when this work was begun as has now come to us.

Having so recently taken the longer review of our work, let me, from my outlook, confine myself to the questions, what progress have we made this year and what are the signs for the opening year?

There has been much advance along many lines this last twelve months, and many signs full of hope for the months to come. Let me enumerate them in order.

Turn with me to the opening of the year that now is near its close. First, then, we find we began our work with an increased number of Associational Vice-Presidents. Last year we had but eight. Twenty ladies in as many associations now fill this important position, many of whom have rendered effectual aid in the work. One, alas, of the members whose name appeared among this list is no more with us. In leaving earth for heaven, Mrs. Hugh P. Markham, Vice-President of the Mt. Zion Association, left an example of faithfulness in sickness and in pain, worthy to be emulated by every fellow Vice-President and by every worker of every degree.

Through the Vice-Presidents much correspondence has been done outside of that of the Central Committee, many visits to organize and encourage Societies has been made, and through the efforts of these ladies, a larger number of Association Missionary Meetings than ever before were held this fall. As each of these officers present will present a report of her work, I will not dwell further upon this feature of progress, except to say that in this branch, marked advance has been made, and in it lies one of the brightest signs of our future.

At the same time these ladies were appointed, Miss L. N. Briggs became Band Superintendent, a new officer in a new office. But officer and office have demonstrated beyond a doubt their fitness the one for the other, and the importance of the work to be done by the officer in the office. Under Miss Briggs' untiring efforts, the Bands have increased in number, interest and contributions; but as she will follow me in a report of her especial department, I will let this work also, speak for itself. Can we doubt that here is faithful promise for future enlargement? Ah! who can measure the promise of truth when planted in the fertile soil of a childish heart. Plant the truth, that Christ came to save the world through the faithfulness of His followers, in the hearts of the boys and girls alike, alike I say, and would emphasize the word, for far too often we forget the boys content if we can interest and train the girls—and then, if summoned

to lay down your life, go content to know your good work will live and multiply, spread, deepen and widen to the outer verge of time.

Scarcely had we reached our homes from the last annual meeting until our thoughts turned to the Christmas offering, to China and the Week of Prayer for missions, observed in the opening year. Whether the number of those who observed the latter greatly increased or not I cannot say. I think and hope there was increase in this as in the Christmas offering, which rose to a sum a little larger than ever before in our history; reaching $381; this being an increase of a hundred and twenty-five dollars over the year before. A much more remarkable advance was that in the result of the Week of Self-denial for Home Missions. The custom of observing such a week is but three years old. In the first year the Societies reported as the result of their giving up for Christ's sake, a hundred and fifty-nine dollars; the next year they dropped back to seventy-nine dollars. This year they reported $371.57, an increase of very nearly three hundred dollars. Was this that they were so much richer? Yes, richer in the grace of giving. Later in the year, Mission Day in the Sunday Schools was observed, largely through the influence of the Societies.

Incomplete, indeed would be a review of our work without an attempt to sum up some growth in riches that cannot be computed

in earthly coinage—the growth in self-giving and in knowledge.

Last year we plead for a new department of work, which, for want of a better name we called *neighborhood missions* —work among the sick, the poor, the ignorant, and colored people around our homes. We felt that in our organization lay latent power to do effectual, united work in self-giving for the souls of others. As one said in speaking of this work, "For years we have been clothing the bodies of the poor among us, now should we not endeavor also to clothe their souls?" As was natural, progress along this line came slowly, but I am happy to tell you progress has been made. The call to neighborhood mission work found response in many a heart, and some have worked their answer into deeds. Ten Societies now maintain neighborhood prayer meetings, a beginning not to be reckoned small when the work is new and each Society must carve the way for itself, according to the needs and limitations of its own neighborhood. Friends, I believe most truly, that there lies here the choicest service we can render to our King, who values far more the gift of all we are, than all we have. We need again and again to remind ourselves that Christ died for *souls*—not Chinese, Mexicans or dwellers in Brazil, but *souls*, in whatever body and in whatever clime. The neighbor we term worthless, is of immortal value in God's eyes, and the servant who so tries and vexes you is one of the

great multitude for whom Christ died. I wish I could give you some instances of this work which have come to my knowledge this year, but I cannot pause to do so. Here again is hope—hope for larger service, larger blessings on our part, hope for those who are now hopeless for a world beyond. Shall not next year see more of us striving to enter this larger service, this close hand to hand struggle with sin and wrong for the sake of God and the right?

I spoke a few moments ago of the added riches of knowledge. How far the monthly Bible studies are followed I do not know. That they are followed by some I am aware, and to them must have come added wealth of truth, from the store-house of God's truth. More definite is the information at hand with regard to the increase of missionary literature taken in the Societies. I find that they report 255 copies of the "Foreign Mission Journal" as taken by their members, a number which I have little idea is complete. I would that the number were larger, but that it is what it is a pledge of increased knowledge which must bring increased zeal.

In the work done by the Central Committee there has also been some increase, and I report that part done by the President as follows:

Quarterly letters sent out	1,292
Other letters written	2,011
Mission leaflets, blanks, etc., sent to Societies	13,105

The number of Societies making report this year is 246.

You will ask again, what have all these signs of progress, which I from my outlook have noted, amounted to in the whole year's work—this increase of Vice-Presidents, the Band Superintendent's work, the larger Christmas offering, the marked increase in the gifts of the week of self-denial, increased personal work, greater attention to Bible study, the more general reading of missionary literature, and the work of the Central Committee?

One thing it has come to which fills me with gratitude and surprise—surprise so great that I can hardly believe the fact. This year ninety-one new Societies have been added to our number! They came to our ranks so quietly, so gradually, so in the course of ordinary events, that not until the formulation of this report did I realize their surprising number. In the first year of our work seventy-one Societies were organized, in this year when we thought growth must be slow and gradual, our number has been increased by more than a third! This accounts in part for the fact that a larger number of Societies report this year than ever before, though, as I have before explained, there is always a drop list of Societies—some whose missionary activity is in suspension for church work and some too new to make reports. These ninety-one new Societies are, with few exceptions, in small country churches, but I rejoice that the women in

these churches have realized that here is a work for them of which the limitation of their numbers cannot deprive them. Because they are in small churches and small in membership does not decrease the warmth of their welcome to our work and our rejoicing that we have taken this long step nearer our ideal—a Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member of it.

Another thing which the progress along other lines has made possible, is the sum total of our gifts which we report to day. Over and over this year I have reminded you that our aim for the year, by the decision of the annual meeting in Morganton, was $6,000—$2,500 for foreign missions, $2,000 for home, $1,500 for State. To reach this aim, the Society must give one-half more than they did last year, the report then falling a little short of $4,000. We took it as our aim, but not as our *expectation*, or at least hardly that. I did expect it for a little while when our first two quarterly reports rose so high, then expectation or faith wavered with the fall of the third quarter. To-day I must confess that desire took the place of confident hope. The aim was high—some thought it absurdly so, since it was a thousand dollars more than even we had given in the Centennial year, and we had now no special work, no special effort to urge us on. Yet to day I have to tell you that our report has reached and more than reached our aim. We have given $6,272.83! This indeed is

progress! I am powerless to speak my joy and thankfulness at this overflowing fulfilment of our hopes. God grant that in the coming year we may fulfill the promise of this wonderful advance.

At conclusion of Miss Heck's address the meeting rose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Mrs. A. M. Lacy, Oxford, conducted a ten minutes prayer and praise service.

The annual report of Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, was read by Miss Currin, of Oxford.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

In submitting this the annual financial report of our work, I feel that if I did not thank the sisters for the many encouraging words and the hearty, "God bless you," which they so often add in sending in their quarterly reports, mine would not be complete. For me, these little paragraphs indicate the spirit which actuates the giver, while the figures give the result of the work done. I thank you. It is with a very grateful heart to God, "the Giver of all good and perfect gifts," that I present to you this the largest report we have ever had:

Annual Report of the Woman's Central Committee for the year 1897.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION—	
Kinston	$199 96
Sunbeams, Kinston	8 95
Goldsboro Sunbeams	35 75
Goldsboro	91 35
Pollocksville	11 68
Middle Street, Newbern	92 12
Tabernacle, Newbern	15 80
Willing Workers, Kinston	4 89
Smyrna	3 00
Union	2 10
Tabernacle Newbern, Sunbeams	1 76
Vandemere	3 00
BLADEN ASSOCIATION—	
Galeed	10 55
Calvin's Creek	1 06
Abbottsburg	11 08
BEULAH ASSOCIATION—	
Trinity	6 50
Yanceyville	7 40
Lea Bethel	2 27
COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION—	
Whiteville	64 03
Whiteville Sunbeams	14 76
Smyrna Sunbeams	4 43
CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION—	
Southport	1 00

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—

Wake Forest	162 68
Wake Forest Sunbeams	27 62
1st Church, Raleigh	435 14
Youngsville	11 94
Rolesville	33 25
1st Church, Raleigh, Young Ladies Society	67 30
Forestville	2 15
Perry's Chapel Sunbeams	1 06
Flat Rock	10 72
Youngsville Sunbeams	5 03
Hopkins' Chapel	64
Perry's Chapel	9 81
Oak Grove Sunbeams	1 35
Yates Band, 1st Church, Raleigh	42 27
Wake Union	3 20
Sunbeams, Franklinton	27 94

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Sunbeams, Hope Mills	11 57
Lebanon	1 50

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—

Elizabeth City	41 75
Sawyer's Creek	14 56
Young Ladies, C. B. Institute	15 00
Reynoldson	2 77
Middle Swamp	3 75
Ariel	1 00

EASTERN ASSOCIATION—

1st Church, Wilmington	7 92
Sunbeams, Mt. Olive	1 88
Mt. Olive	14 17

Young People, Magnolia	8 97
Bear Marsh	2 00
Sunbeams, Bear Marsh	1 00
Sunbeams, Warsaw	5 15
Clinton	17 90
Sunbeams and B. Y. P. U., Clinton	2 50
Sunbeams, Clinton	3 81
Warsaw	10 35
Bethel	80
Sunbeams, Kenansville	4 00
Flat River Association—	
Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford	60 15
Oxford	74 95
Sunbeams, Oxford	13 00
Roxboro	5 00
Hesters	6 00
Island Creek	5 66
Mt. Zion	2 60
Grassy Creek	1 00
Green River Association—	
Sunbeams, Rutherfordton	13 46
Marion	13 47
Rutherfordton	148 91
Bethel	14 37
Pleasant Hill	5 89
Round Hill	4 50
King's Mountain Association—	
Shelby	11 15
Sunbeams, Shelby	3 45
King's Mountain	3 00
Liberty Association—	
Thomasville	20 26
Lexington	13 56

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Dunn	9 00
Friendship	12 27
Hector's Creek	5 00

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—

Sandy Level	1 10
1st Church, Durham	198 55
Mt. Pisgah	2 75
Mt. Gilead	10 30
Bells	4 62
Sunbeams, 1st Church, Durham	17 88
Burlington	69 50
Chapel Hill	8 00

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION—

Concord	5 00
Olivet	2 35
Tryon Street, Charlotte	324 25
Young People, Tryon St., Charlotte	77 66
Whosoever Society, Olivet	15 50
Cora Conrad Sunbeams, Tryon St., Charlotte	4 00
Sunbeams, Charlotte	12 00

PILOT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—

Mt. Airy	31 20
Sunbeams, Broad Street, Winston	6 50
1st Church, Winston	157 55
Leaksville	44 50
Waughtown	21 68
Young Ladies' Society, 1st Church, Winston	13 10
Madison	1 90
Sunbeams, 1st Church, Winston	5 00
Sunbeams, Mt. Airy	8 75

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—

Rockingham	49 50
Peachland	4 00
Pee Dee	3 45
Sunbeams, Rockingham	80
Sunbeams, Morven	10 95
Morven	12 05
Wadesboro	78 56
Tabernacle, Wadesboro	60
Young People, Wadesboro	20
Mt. Beulah	3 80
Ansonville	3 43
Laurinburg	108 40
Sunbeams, Laurinburg	26 50
Try Society, Roberdel	2 78
Spring Hill	113 13
Roberdel	37 64
Laurinburg and Maxton	78 00
Sunbeams, Spring Hill	2 60
Sunbeams, Wadesboro	4 74

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—

Greensboro	164 60
Young Ladies' Society, Greensboro	131 75
Macedonia	1 10
Ramseur	21 00
High Point	89 01
Liberty	4 70
Reidsville	15 00

RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—

Salem	5 00
Apex	26 85
Sunbeams, Apex	45 86
Sunbeams, Salem	1 05

Mt. Moriah	22 06
Sunbeams, Ephesus	50 00
Garners	5 65
Holly Springs	17 85
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	5 65
Tabernacle	177 57
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	12 80
Vallie Green Society, Cary	57 40
Clayton	27 51
Wakefield	11 50
Mt. Hermon	9 29
Smithfield	1 62
Hepzibah	2 00
Sunbeams, Mt. Hermon	4 33
Morrisville	21 75
Green Level	2 31

ROBESON ASSOCIATION—

Mt. Elam	4 48
Spring Hill	19 13
Antioch	6 80
Mt. Moriah	63
Ephesus	1 30
Raft Swamp	26 93
Lumberton	148 08
Big Swamp	5 65
Sunbeams, Lumberton	14 38
Cedar Grove	2 53
Rennert	6 63
Long Branch	9 30
Back Swamp	45 39
Sunbeams, Back Swamp	4 87
Tolarsville	27 64
Saddle Tree	12 27
Pleasant Hill	14 80

Ashpole	18 93
Maxton	39 98
Jackson Swamp	1 06
Pleasant Hope	2 14
Sunbeams, Tolarsville	16

SOUTH YADKIN ASSOCIATION—

New Bethany	1 75
Statesville	20 60
Mrs. N. E. Clark	25

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION—

J. Maske Academy, Lemon Springs	5 61
Cleveland	2 60
Jonesboro	16 41
Manly	10 00
Sunbeams, Aberdeen	1 40
Aberdeen	32 98
Pittsboro	36 27
Siler City	1 64
Carthage	91 25
May's Chapel	2 00
Sunbeams, Carthage	7 50

SANDY RUN ASSOCIATION—

Henrietta	14 17

SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Young People's Society, Salem	1 00
Fayetteville	86 35
Salem	17 22
Autreyville	5 98
Spring Branch	4 40

TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Washington	9 00

Sandy Creek	2 00
Willing Workers, Washington	5 75
Poplar Springs	22 50
Sunbeams, Henderson	100 24
Henderson	51 60
Scotland Neck	52 24
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	6 94
Rocky Mount	7 55
Sunbeams, Maple Springs	2 00
Maple Springs	7 40
Enfield Sunbeams	3 35
Battleboro	6 15
Peachtree	1 13
Weldon	5 00
Gardeners	1 75
Wilson	8 05
Littleton	5 00

UNION ASSOCIATION—

Beaver Dam	2 80
Sunbeams, Monroe	35 25
Monroe	102 06
Mt. Carmel	4 00

WEST CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—

Lawrences' X Roads	7 60
Mt. Tabor	30 01
Sunbeams, Mt. Tabor	69
Buckhorn	154 00
Sandy Run	4 80
Pine Forest	10 36
Harrellsville	5 50
Elam	12 00
Chowan Baptist Institute	5 27
Cadets, Robert's Chapel	5 50

Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	5 19
Sunbeams, Como	17 51
Sunbeams, Colerain	5 83
Potecasi	11 66
Little Gleaners, Buckhorn	2 60
Meherrin	3 59
Cashie	4 52
Robert's Chapel	5 50
Ross Swamp	7 00
Hebron	10 43
Galatia	6 50
Roanoke W. M. S. and Sunbeams	4 08
Lewiston	8 00
Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	4 25

No Association given—

Mrs. N. A. Gilmore	1 00
Miss M. Castlebury	5 00
A lady	10 00
Mrs. C. H. Hogg	1 00
Mrs. E. Tatum	1 00
Joy Tatum	10
T. T. Creswell	2 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Greenville	10 00
Rock Cut	1 00
Mrs. Covington	5 00
Mrs. Conrad	1 00
Mapleton	9 83
Lowel's Chapel	10 00
Woman's Missionary Union	54 27
Snow Hill	2 50
Mrs. J. A. Dodson	5 00
Albemarle	35 00
Mrs. T. T. Rose	5 00

Contributions divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,521 14	
Christmas Offering	381 25	
Yates Fund	5 00	
Total Foreign Missions		$1,907 39
Home Missions	$ 691 91	
Value of Boxes	2,166 03	
Self-denial Fund	371 57	
Total Home Missions		$3,229 51
State Missions	$ 928 63	
Education	23 68	
Orphanage	167 67	
Contributed by Societies to C. Com. Expenses	2 45	
Sunday Schools	9 30	
Relief Fund	2 10	
Louisville Seminary	2 10	
Grand total		$6,272 83

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS.

The following committees were appointed:

Plans of Work.—Chairman, Mrs. W. B. Shaw; Mrs. L. G. Grant, Miss Grace T. Brown, Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Miss Roxie Sheets, Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. J. E. White.

Resolutions.—Chairman, Mrs. Samuel A. Howard; Mrs. A. J. Ellis, Mrs. Murchison, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Jennie Long, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Boykin.

Obituaries.—Mrs. Lizzie Battle, Mrs. H. Moore, Mrs. Butler, Miss Eva Patrick, Miss Draughan.

The report of Miss Lizzie Briggs, Band Superintendent, was read by Mrs. T. H. Briggs, as follows:

REPORT OF BAND SUPERINNENDENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1897.

In Mission Band endeavor our watchword must be *work*, and in looking over the year that has just passed, and into the year we are now entering, let us all see what lies in the word *work*.

First, W. This stands for work; the work that has been done and the work that is to be done. We started out last year to raise five hundred dollars. The result is we raised $678.24. Now for next year may we not hope for eight hundred? Let us determine to work for this even harder than we did for the five hundred. Two hundred and twenty-six letters and sixty-seven postals have been written and four Societies visited.

Now we come to the letter O, which stands for *organize*. Twenty-four Societies have been organized this year, and let us see if we cannot make it *forty* this year. We want to have Sunbeam Societies everywhere there is a Baptist church.

R reminds us to reorganize and renew. We want to *reorganize* the Societies and renew the efforts to work for the Master. It is sad to think of Bands dropping from our

roll, and we want all those who have had their names taken off to go to work and reorganize with renewed zeal.

K is our last letter and tells us to *keep on* Let us never fear even when discouragements surround us, but keep constantly at it with a determination not to give up.

Let me suggest that we take for our motto this year, "Lift up Christ." He tells us, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." If we only lift Him up, He will draw all men unto Him, and surely this is what we wish to do, at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH N. BRIGGS,
Band Superintendent.

Miss Grace Brown led in prayer, after which the meeting adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Opening devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson.

Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston, read an essay, entitled "Steps toward our ideal."

Reports of Societies were called for, twenty-six responding (for the synoposis of reports, see page 41).

Mrs. W. O. Allen, Wake Forest, conducted a prayer and praise service.

Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Raleigh, read essay entitled "Missions in the Home."

After devotional exercises, meeting adjourned.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 11, 9.30.

Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington, conducted opening devotional exercises.

The following Associational Vice-Presidents made report of their work: Mrs S. A. Howard, South River Association; Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Flat River; Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Piedmont; Miss R. Sheets, Liberty; Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Tar River; Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Green River; Miss Grace Brown, West Chowan; Mrs. A. J. Ellis, Central,

Miss Heck, on behalf of the Woman's Central Committee, presented and spoke to the following recommendations, which were unanimously adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Desiring most earnestly the spiritual uplifting of each member of each Society, together with increase of contributions to mission objects, Central Committee would recommend:

1st. That the Societies observe this year as heretofore, and as is recommended by the Woman's Missionary Union, the Christmas Offering, a Week of Prayer at the beginning of the year for world-wide missions; a Week of Self-denial and Prayer for home missions at some time during the year; and use their influence towards the observance of Mission Day in the Sunday Schools.

2. That the Societies this year endeavor to make the Christmas offering five hundred

dollars, an amount sufficient for the salary of Mr. T. C. Britton, and that the funds given at that time be used for this purpose.

3. That the children being the hope of the church, greater efforts be made to enlist all in Children's Mission Bands.

4. Believing State Missions to be of untold importance, not only for the salvation of those immediately around us, but for foundation work upon which shall be built churches liberal towards all branches of missions, we urge upon the Societies the necessity of giving more largely to this work than heretofore.

5. Since interest without knowledge is impossible, we suggest that all Societies urge upon their members the importance of subscribing to the "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field," and the "Biblical Recorder."

6. The mission of the church being the conversion of the world, we ask the Societies to use their influence to revive or introduce the monthly concert of prayer, one prayer meeting of each month being given to the consideration of some mission field; to hold Woman's Missionary meetings during associations and missionary rallys, or unions of Societies in an Association or neighborhood at other times, and by no means to neglect the call and opportunity for soul saving and uplifting through neighborhood missions, among the sick, poor, ignorant and colored people around us.

7. Rejoicing in the measure of success bestowed upon our work in the past year, we recommend that we endeavor to raise this year the sum of seven thousand dollars: $2,500 for foreign missions, $3,000 for home missions, and $1,500 for State missions.

Recommendations of Home Mission Board were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board desires to express its grateful acknowledgement for the effective aid rendered it by the Woman's Mission Societies during the past year.

In asking its continuance for another year, the Board requests:

1. That an earnest effort be made to raise thirty thousand dollars, fifteen thousand cash and fifteen thousand in supplies for our frontier missionaries.

2. That in view of the great sacrifices of a great many of our home missionaries, and of the life of self-denial we owe to Him who has redeemed us, we ask the women of the missionary societies to make one constant offering for this work, remembering it by special prayer and gifts during some one week of the year.

3. The Board earnestly commends the effort to enlist all our Sunday Schools in mission work, and that for this purpose suitable and instructive literature be prepared and as widely disseminated as possible. The

educational power of such literature is worth a thousand fold more than its cost.

4. That our increasing foreign population, especially in our growing cities, be regarded with even greater interest by our sisters, and especially that the women who are upholding our work in Cuba may have their earnest co-operation.

5. That individual work and work by Societies for the elevation of the negro women in and about our homes be greatly increased.

Recommendations of Foreign Mission Board, as follows, were read and adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

1. We ask that the Woman's Missionary Union endeavor to raise this Conventional year the sum of $30,000, including all their contributions for foreign missions.

2. That the sisters give their earnest co-operation in making "Missionary Day" in our Sunday Schools a day for training our children in missions and developing them in giving for the work. While the Sunday School Board has charge of the work, Woman's Missionary Union has rendered in the past valuable aid.

3. We again recommend that the Christmas offerings go to the extension of the work in China. God is opening the way and blessing the work; let us press forward in His name.

Miss Grace Brown spoke of "The Duties and Possibilities of the Office of Associational Vice-President."

Mrs. J. E. White, for Committee, read recommendations on Plans of Work, which were adopted:

PLANS OF WORK.

We recommend:

1. That the Central Committee prepare a circular letter addressed to the sisters of the churches, urging them to organize Societies, even if they can contribute but a penny a month, so that they may be identified with the work of missions.

2. That blanks be prepared for each Society to make quarterly reports to Associational Vice-Presidents, and that Vice-Presidents report quarterly to the Central Committee. This will greatly shorten the work of the Central Committee, giving the Vice-President a basis for a report and at the same time localizing the work and stimulating associational zeal.

3. That Society funds be sent through the church treasurer, but reported to Vice-Presidents, who shall report to the Central Committee.

4. That the Central Committee impress upon Societies the importance of informing the Vice-President when they desire her to visit them and of making suitable arrangements to meet and entertain her. (Signed)

Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Mrs. L. G. Grant, Miss Grace T. Brown, Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Miss Roxie Sheets, Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Mrs. J. E. White.

Dr. J. A. Barton, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, was introduced and spoke on foreign missions, especially urging Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina to continue the support of Mr. T. C. Britton, the Yates' Memorial Missionary, through their Christmas offering.

In the absence of Miss Lizzie Briggs, Mrs. T. H. Briggs read for her a paper on Mission Band Work.

A ten minutes prayer and praise service was conducted by Miss Maud Reid, Tabernacle, Raleigh.

Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Durham, presented a paper on "Possibilities and Responsibilities of Neighborhood Missions."

Miss Waddell, Home Missionary, was recognized and responded in a few words.

Mrs. George Green, of Canton, China, spoke of "Giving the Gospel to Chinese Women."

Mrs. L. W. Battle presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report:

"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." From time to time during the past year it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from their labors a number of our most earnest consecrated, members. Time and space forbid more than a brief mention of the names of those whom

to know was to love, and whose memories will ever be cherished in the hearts of those with whom they lived and labored; the sweet influence of whose lives has gone out to many hearts throughout the length and breadth of our land. Prominent among them is sister Cora Markham, Vice-President of Mt. Zion Association. Her loyalty to Christ and devotion to church work was beautiful, though her life was one of continual suffering. Sister Vera Leroy Sinclair, President of Woman's Missionary Society of Ansonville Church; Mrs. Springs, Lexington, Mrs. R. J. Fletcher Mrs. Selina Taylor, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. R. H. Smith, and others, have gone to their reward. As with these, so with all who have gone from us—their labors are over, and while we mourn our loss, we thank God for their beautiful Christian lives, the example they leave us, their triumphant death and the hope that we may meet them again in the Great Beyond.

"To die! it is to rise
To fairer, brighter skies,
Where death no more shall his dread harvest reap—
To soar on angel wings
Where life immortal springs,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep."

Signed,

MRS. L. W. BATTLE, Ch. Com.
MRS. A. A. BUTLER.
MRS. H. C. MOORE.
MISS E. A. DRAUGHAN.
MISS EVA PATRICK.

Miss Mary Lemay read report of Island Creek Society. It was moved and adopted that, owing to the lateness of the hour, the reading of other reports be omitted, notes of same being made in minutes.

An invitation to a musicale at Oxford Female Seminary was read.

Report of Committee on Resolutions, submitted by Mrs. S. A. Howard, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions present the following report:

Resolved 1st. That we lift our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the guidance of His Holy Spirit, and for His blessings on our efforts during the past year. That He has enabled our Societies to report progress in all lines of work and to come up to our annual meeting having contributed more than the $6,000 we were asked to give. To God be all the glory.

2d. That we appreciate the zeal and untiring efforts and labors of our beloved President and Secretary, also the Secretary of the State Mission Board, in leading and encouraging the women of our State to do greater work for our Master.

3. That every member of all our Societies endeavor to kindle a warmer, deeper interest in all mission work, and thereby secure a four-fold blessing,—a blessing to themselves, to those whom they arouse, to the mission-

aries, and to those for whom he labors. We must do what we can for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the world if we would hear "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

4. That we highly appreciate the brotherly love which prompted the offer of the Presbyterian church for our use, also tender our thanks to the organist and singers for helpful aid in our worship, to Brother Hobgood for loaning us the sweet young voices from the Seminary for our opening session, and also for his invitation to visit the Seminary while here; and to the citizens of Oxford for their wide-open doors and unlimited hospitality.

5. That we tender thanks to the railroads for courtesies and reduced rates to the Convention.

MRS. SAM'L H. HOWARD,
Chmn.

MRS. A. J. ELLIS.
MRS. MURCHISON.
MRS. JOHNSON.
MISS JENNIE LONG.
MRS. RICH.
MRS. BOYKIN.

Miss Grace Brown suggested to Societies ordering tracts from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., to ask for "Plain Questions and Answers."

After closing moments of prayer and praise, in which a large number of ladies participated, the hymn, "God be with you till we

meet again," was sung and the Seventh Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Societies adjourned to meet December, 1898, at the same time and place as the Baptist State Convention.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, GIVEN AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Piedmont Association.—Mrs. J. C. Murchison. When this Association was organized four years ago, the Woman's Missionary Society of Greensboro was the only one within its bounds. There are now eleven. Societies have been formed this year at High Point Ramsuer and Summerfield. The latter Society is the direct outgrowth of the Missionary Meeting held during the Asssociation.

Liberty Association.—Miss Roxie Sheets. Owing to absence from home, the work has been done at a disadvantage. The Society at Lexington was reorganized in May, and a week later a Society at Jersey, seven miles distant, was organized as a result of a personal visit. The churches in this Association are nearly all in the country and widely scattered.

Green River Association.—Mrs. J. L. Grayson. Five Societies have been organized, though one is at present doing little. One of the new Societies has packed a frontier box, and is planning to pack one next year. I have never succeeded in getting a Society organized without a personal visit, and have never failed to organize where I have been able to visit.

South River Association.—Mrs. Samuel A. Howard. The office of Vice-President was entered upon in February, 1897. Then there was only one Society in the Association, where now there are six. Many, I think, are now seeing the need of this department of work as never before. A successful Associational meeting was held, from which resulted the formation of the Society at Antioch.

Tar River Association.—Mrs. W. B. Shaw. There were eighteen Societies in this Association last year, and to this number seven have been added. The bar of further progress is that pastors in churches, where there are no Societies, fail to reply to letters asking for information looking to organization. Twenty-one pastors of such churches were written to, and seven replied. Two Societies have been visited.

Flat River Association.—Mrs. F. M. Meadows. Six Societies have been added to the number in this Association this year. Though providentially detained from attending the Association, other visits have been made and still others planned. There are now ten Societies in the Flat River.

Central Association.—Mrs. A. J. Ellis. Being new to the work of Associational Vice-President, there is not so much to report as I would wish. The Association was visited and a missionary meeting held. In November a largely attended Missionary Rally of the Societies of the Raleigh and Central Associations was held in Raleigh, and as a number of the Societies in the Central Associa-

tion were represented, good will doubtless result to some within my territory. The church at Flat Rock held a somewhat similar meeting, and I heartily recommend such rallys.

West Chowan Association—Miss Grace T. Brown. There are forty-seven churches in this Association, in twenty of which there are Societies in correspondence with the Central Committee. I have organized this year ten Societies, visited seven and written one hundred and twenty-three letters. The two greatest hindrances found in the work are my inability to visit the Societies more frequently and to get them to report their work to me. I feel safe in saying there is more interest in missions in our Association than ever before, and this is, in a measure, due to the work of the Societies.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF SOCIETIES SO FAR AS HANDED TO THE SECRETARY.

Middle Street Church, Newbern.—Though we have to report a decrease in numbers, we are happy to say our contributions have been larger than during any previous year. We greatly desire in the future to better *exemplify the spirit of missions in our lives.*

Youngsville.—During the last few months we have nearly doubled in membership. Our meetings are made interesting by Bible study, tracts and original papers on the various mission fields. One of our members leads the Children's Mission Band, and we have lately organized a cottage prayer-meeting in the home of an invalid sister.

First Church, Durham.—Our contributions have increased this year, but we desire more of the mission spirit. We remembered the Christmas offering for China, and were much blessed by both the Week of Prayer and the Week of Self-denial for home missions. A box was sent to a deeply grateful missionary in the Indian Territory.

Lystra.—After a period of suspension our Society was reorganized in September, with sixteen members, a date too recent to enable us to report much work for this year.

Buckhorn.—Has contributed during the year the sum of $93.81 to home, State and foreign missions. Besides this, the Missionary Day was observed in the Sunday School, the collection being $15.

Wilson.—In response to what was felt to be a great need, a dozen ladies met and organized our Society in October, 1897. Three have been added since organization, and we have high hopes for the future.

Oxford.—Owing, in a measure, to the great burden of debt upon our church, our contributions have not been so large as we would wish, still mission work has been far from forgotten, and we have endeavored to cultivate the spirit of missions in our church and congregation.

Island Creek.—Was organized in May, 1897; twenty-two members. In the country we have many difficulties, chief among which are bad roads and long distances; nevertheless, we hope to do better things in the future.

Wake Forest.—The past year has been the best in our history; our contributions have exceeded those of any previous year, and our meetings have been marked by a larger attendance and more general interest. Our present membership is sixty. Fifteen copies of the "Foreign Mission Journal" and twenty-two of the Home Field are taken.

Lumberton.—Society numbers thirty-nine members, with average attendance of one-third. We feel the spiritual condition of our Society to be encouraging, and are resolved to attempt more and greater things for the Master in the future.

Monroe.—Society was organized in February, 1897, and now numbers twenty-seven. A special effort at Thanksgiving resulted in an offering of $23.50 for State Missions. Besides gifts to home, foreign and State missions, a box valued at $46 was sent to a frontier missionary.

First Church, Winston.—We are pleased to report improvement in many respects; new members have been added, and our financial report is far ahead of last year. A cottage prayer-meeting has been carried on since early in the year. Both the Young Ladies and the Sunbeam Band are doing good work.

Mt. Tabor.—Our Society has contributed $36.02 during the year. We hope to report larger contributions and more general interest at the close of 1898.

Salem, South River.—We have given willingly and cheerfully, and hope to be

judged rather by the spirit of the offering than its amount. The greatest blessing of the year came to us in the observance of the Week of Self-denial, each member spending one hour a day in prayer and study of God's Word in her own home.

Tabernacle, Raleigh.—We find it a stimulus to state a definite amount towards which we will work for the year, and so will endeavor to raise this year at least $100 for foreign missions, besides lesser amounts for home and State work. Our monthly meetings are interesting and well attended. The Sunbeams also are steadily at work.

Greensboro.—We find the greatest quickening of interest comes from the packing of missionary boxes, nor have we failed to send one for several years past. Work on other lines is steadily maintained. Our present membership is thirty-four, but average attendance is much below our desire.

Kinston.—We thank God and take courage from the best years' work in our existence. We have on us the burden of church building, but have taken no backward steps in missions. In connection with our Society we have the Willing Workers for the girls and the Sunbeams for the children.

Thomasville.—We are few in number, but are doing what we can to spread the Gospel of Christ.

Rocky Mount.—Our membership is small, but our average attendance is ten. We are arranging to send a box to a frontier missionary.

Battleboro.—We have but twelve members enrolled, and our contributions are therefore small.

Sunbeams, Maple Springs.—Being in the country, we find some difficulty in meet ng, but with an enrollment of fourteen, our average membership is twelve. Three of our members became Christians during the summer meeting.

Cary.—At our annual meeting in January we adopted the name of The Vallie Green Missionary Society, in honor of Mrs. Geo. Green, of Canton, China. During the year we have observed the Weeks of Prayer and Self-denial, and have obtained a club of fourteen subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal.

Carthage.—We can report but seven members, but each one is a lover of missions and enthusiastic for the work in which we are engaged. Though so few in number, we believe brighter days are ahead of us.

Sunbeams, Franklin.—Was organized in April, 1897, and enrolled at the first meeting fifty-seven members.

Goldsboro.—We have in our church three societies: the Women's, Children's and Young Girls' Band. The latter was reorganized through the enthusiasm awakened by an address to the ladies by Rev. J. E. White. A social meeting immediately after the Association, which was held with us, to discuss plans for the coming year's work, resulted in much enthusiasm and the adding of four new members to our number. The P

strives to give each member some part in the meetings, and so adds greatly to their interest.

Weldon.—Though burdened with church building, our Society has been maintained, and now our prospects for larger numbers and contributions are brightening.

Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, Raleigh.—Has observed the missionary calendar; the Christmas offering, the Week of Prayer, the Week of Self-denial, and Mission Day in the Sabbath School. Perhaps the most successful effort of the year was the Week of Self-denial. Each lady member of the church was visited, and a numbered envelope left for contribution, to be returned at a special meeting at the close of the week. Envelopes not returned were sent for. The result, some sixty dollars, amply repaid the effort. The Missionary Rally in the fall was most enjoyable and helpful.

Young Ladies' Society, First Church, Raleigh.—Meets twice a month from house to house, devoting one meeting to mission study, and the other to work for the poor of the city. The endeavor is made to make the meetings instructive, yet bright and informal, introducing for this purpose occasionally, missionary question matches, missing word contests, etc. The contributions of the year are larger than ever before

Sunbeams, First Church, Raleigh.—Went beyond the amount promised for the year, and are happy to report a large enrollment and an average attendance of between forty and fifty.

The Young Ladies' Society, Greensboro.—Reports an increase in membership and a larger contribution than ever before.

Lexington.—In May our Society was reorganized, and since then have added one or more to our number at every meeting, until we now number thirty-eight.

Method.—We have contributed to the Christmas offering, sent a box to a frontier missionary, observed the Week of Self-denial, carried out the programme for Children's Day, and taken up the "egg collection" in Sunday School with success.

Hester.—Organized in January, 1897. Our Society now numbers thirteen. We are weak and our contributions small, but look forward with hope to the coming year.

The Sunbeams, Henderson.—Report two frontier boxes this year, thus placing themselves at the head of the list of these Societies, having contributed $100.24 to missions.

Maple Springs.—Has twenty-eight members, ten of whom are subscribers to the "Foreign Mission Journal." The membership is much scattered, and regular attendance difficult. The Sunbeams of the church are an outgrowth of our Society.

Woman's Missionary Society, Tryon Street, Charlotte.—For our monthly meetings the Mission Card as been taken as our text-book, and the topics there given have been closely followed. Our year has been a fairly prosperous one, our present membership being forty-five. Our mission box went this year to Florida, and was valued at $145.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Societies Visited.	Societies Organized.	Letters Written.
Atlantic, Mrs. H. B Duffy, Newbern		1	11
Beulah, Miss Georgia Robertson, Yanceyville		1	13
Columbus, Mrs. Simms E Memory	3	1	10
Cape Fear, Mrs. S. M. Robbins, Southport			10
Central, Mrs. A. J Ellis, West Raleigh	1	2	68
*Chowan, Mrs. F V Whitehurst, Elizabeth City			
Flat River, Mrs. F. M. Meadows, Oxford	4	5	39
Green River, Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton	4	5	35
Kings Mountain, Mrs. L. R. Connelly, Shelby		1	
Liberty, Miss Roxie Sheets, Liberty	1	2	10
Pilot Mountain, Mrs Harvey Crist, Salem	3	2	4
Piedmont, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro	2	1	40
Pee Dee, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Wadesboro	9	4	50
*Raleigh, Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton			
Roberson, Mrs. T. F. Toon, Lumberton	1	5	18
Sandy Creek, Mrs. F. H. Chapin, Pittsboro	1	1	
South River, Mrs Samuel A. Howard, Ora	5	4	20
*South Yadkin, Miss Laura Lazenby, Statesville			
Tar River, Mrs W. B Shaw, Henderson	2	4	55
West Chowan, Miss Grace T. Brown, Murfreesboro	7	10	123
Union, Mrs D. A. Covington, Monroe	1		
Total	44	48	529

*Not tabulated.

YEARLY STATISTICS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$ 1,000.95
1887	1,718.46
1888	1,881.59
1889	1,940.40
1890	1,921.56
1891	3,128.14
1892	3,916.85
1893 (Centennial contribu' included)	4,955.71
1894	2,374.97
1895	4,491.88
1896	3,969.54
1897	6,272.83
Total	37,771.88

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. S., and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting, we their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Methodist Church, Greenville, Friday. December 9, 1898, at 10 o'clock. Miss Fannie Heck, of Raleigh, conducted opening devotional exercises, in which Miss Draughan and others took part.

Mrs. V. L. Pendleton made the address of welcome in behalf of ladies of Greenville, and Mrs. James Cherry, for the King's Daughters, of the same place. Mrs. Howard, of Huntley, responded.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Miss Rosa Speight, Republican Church; Mrs. James Long, Goldsboro; Mrs. D. B. Wilkinson, First Church, Raleigh (W. M. S.); Miss Lizzie Savage, Buckhorn; Miss Mozelle Stringfield, Inwood; Miss Grace T. Brown, Mt. Tabor; Mrs. A. D. Hunter, Cary; Miss Annie Justice, Rutherfordton; Miss Mary Carter, First Church, Raleigh (Young Ladies' Society); Mrs. W. S. Terrell, Warren Plains; Miss Alvada Green, Stovall; Mrs. Samuel A. Howard, Salem Church; Mrs. W. O. Allen, Wake Forest; Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston; Miss Mabel Vaughan, Menola; Mrs. Octie Thomas, Henrietta; Miss Mary W. Hardy, Wilson; Mrs. W. G. Freeman, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Newbern; Miss Fannie Heck, Raleigh; Miss Lela

M. Ward, Pollocksville; Miss Elizabeth Wilder, Louisburg; Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson; Mrs. A. J. Petty, Winterville; Miss Elizabeth Latham, Washington; Mrs. G. W. Green, Oxford. Mrs. G. L. Merrell, Hobgood; Miss McDuffy, Fayetteville; Miss Mary Stewart, Clinton; Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe; Mrs. L R. Pruett, Charlotte; Miss Annie Green, Oxford.

A number of visitors from societies were present.

Miss Grace Brown was called to the chair, and presided during the election of officers for the Eighth Annual Meeting, which resulted as follows:

President, Miss Fannie Heck, Raleigh; First Vice-President, Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston; Second Vice-President, Miss W. B. Shaw, Henderson; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wilder, Louisburg; Treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salem.

As President of the Woman's Central Committee, Miss Heck made her annual address.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

It is impossible for me to express to you the intense interest and concern with which I look forward to the closing of the year's work, and the formulating of our Annual Report. This is the moment of encouragement, or the moment of regret—the setting of the key-stone of the arch.

In the glorious days of Italy, across the Italian landscapes, reached endless series of arches—down hill, over dale, spanning pur-

ling brooks, crossing wide-flowing rivers. Each arch is in itself complete, yet each helpless without the other, to bear the clear, cool water to the thirsting city. So our years fit one into another, complete, and yet dependent each upon the other, to bear ever forward the stream of life-giving water to the dying nations. Is it any wonder, then, that the close of each year's work is viewed with anxiety?

Yet there is joy, too—all the year we have been working, now we will count the harvest—and the harvest home is ever a time of joy and of praise. He who has carried the keenest cythe, he who has been most untiring through the round of the year, has the best right to rejoice now. But the crown of rejoicing, which is the faithful servant's best reward, is not the twelve cities only, but entering into the joy of the Lord. And now I wish that each Woman's Missionary Society throughout the bounds of our State might join in one long, loud psalm of praise—not so much for what we have done, certainly not because we have done all we might do, but because we have been permitted to do anything at all.

There are some propositions so clear, so self-evident, that to hear them is to consent to them. If souls are immortal, while all beside perishes, then soul-saving is the noblest work in the universe. I wish that to-day I might impress upon you the magnificent nobility of the work in which we, as missionary societies, and more especially as individuals, are engaged. Let us first glance at the selfward side. Let us, for convenience sake, imagine

a woman living in some remote corner of North Carolina; a farmer's wife, a mother, busy all day long with baking, sewing, mending; counting the cost of this, forced to deny herself all but the necessities of life, rising early and toiling late, knowing little but the gossip of the country store and the weekly paper; a Christian, to whom Christianity means practically the salvation of her own soul, and hope for the salvation of her household and her few scattered neighbors. Take such a woman, and suppose that through a missionary society she becomes interested in world-wide missions. What is the result to her? What a broadening of vision; what an increase of knowledge of the world; what an insight into the height and breadth of salvation; what an increase of love and thankfulness to God, as she contrasts her condition, which she may have before counted hard, with that of her heathen sisters; what a new compassion for those without Christ! By and by she hangs a missionary card by her little mirror. How wide her prayers have grown; how they take in the whole world, where they used to reach but through her neighborhood. By and by there is a little envelope in one corner of the bureau drawer. The economies that used to be so irksome are now opportunities to save for God, and the dimes grow to dollars, and her heart sings as she gives. True nobility of life is determined not by labor, but by motive. The daily round of duties is the same, but a new motive has ennobled it, and made it God-like.

This is no fancy sketch. I believe it to be true in many and many a home to-day. But however beautiful the home, however full of culture and wealth, the life is narrow and short-sighted which does not take in the thought of the salvation of the world. If God is anything, He is everything. Any education, however high or broad, is incomplete without a knowledge of God's present work in the world. Whether God is served on unpainted benches or silken cushions, only that service is pleasing that serves to save all. We look and pray for the coming of our Lord again. As another has said: "Everything that makes ready for the advent of God in His world is right, and everything that postpones it is wrong; that is the sum of the whole matter." We may go farther, and say, every act towards the coming of Christ's kingdom brings us into relation with Him; every act away from this end, divides us from Him. We have as our motto: "Laborers together with God." It is not being laborers which enobles us, it is being "together with God." We can not take in all the honor of it; we rarely, indeed, think of it—the labor is more in view than companionship. Why? Because we fail to believe that God is really working in us. Does this hand of mine really, truly move to do God's will—to do for God what would otherwise remain undone; can my acts, my prayers, really, truly delay or hasten the return of my Lord to a purified and redeemed world? If this is true, and who, believing His Word, can question it—well may you and I, if we have a

part in His work, hold up our heads. "I am a fellow-worker with God"—the church, the missionary society, which so views its election and its calling is ennobled. "Thy grandeur makes us grand ourselves." Beholding His face, even through a glass darkly, we are changed into the same likeness. Companionship means agreement: as we walk with Him, we step into His footsteps higher and higher in love, in service, in power, in nobility. We are God's and He is ours.

Count over the things you think highest and noblest in your life, and then lay them side by side with this—a co-worker with God. How all else fades away into littleness. God who planned the universe has allowed me to come into His plans, to consciously, along His lines, and by His aid, do His work. We are children of a King. Believe it, live it, glory in it. Ennoble your lives, exalt your society, make this business first, as becomes heirs already participating in the King's glory. It is no light thing we are here for to-day. Our Father's affairs demand our thoughts.

So much for the selfward side. What does his work mean beyond? We have heard year by year, until we are weary: *This is the cr sis; this the time of times.*

True, every day is a crisis, and every year brings opportunities which can never be recalled. But can we doubt that now upon us is a crisis such as we have never seen, either as a nation or individuals? Cuba, newly free looks to her temporal liberators, ready to lend an ear to our teachings of spiritual liberty.

Porto Rico greets us with open arms; the reluctant Philippines can but be drawn to us. Nor is this all. The wall of China has fallen, and she lies open to all who will go in and possess the land for God. Is there not uplifting in the thought that we may uplift these nations? If our faith makes it so, can not we reach out by prayer and now, to-day, gain for these reopened countries blessings that the power of no earthly potentate can give? What a privilege to sway the world Godward! Then let us use the power so freely entrusted to us, realizing our noble calling.

With such possibilities for our own ennobling, and for the ennobling of others, hidden in the work for missions, for whose furtherance our societies and these Annual Meetings have their sole existence, is it to be wondered, I again repeat, that we follow each year's work with something more than interest?

Last year we took for our aim raising $7,000 for Home, State and Foreign Missions. This aim was to be to us a standard, a sign, a tangible measure of our inward growth in prayer and knowledge and faith for missions. Were it possible to have the outward sign without the inward signification, our work were indeed a failure. But it is not so. Though you can not hear the low pleading, can not see the bending figures, though to you is borne no incense of prayer, I am persuaded that these dollars reported here to-day represent many times that number of prayers, and many a coin of sacrifice among them shines with more than a golden gleam.

Many saw our aim for the year in this light, and wove it into their daily thoughts and prayers, and to these efforts and prayers we owe the many blessings of the year. I can do no more than call them over. The first work of the new year was the Christmas offering, which for North Carolina societies took on a special meaning. We had resolved that in the heart of China we would perpetuate our Yates Memorial, and each Christmas, as our gift, contribute enough to support Mr. Britton on that field, claimed and surveyed for Christ by Dr. Yates himself. It was more than we had ever done before, but it was done, and something more to spare. The offering of the Week of Self-denial was more than an hundred dollars larger than last year. In the spring we reported to the Union more than our apportionment of $2,100 for Foreign Missions, and more than a thousand dollars beyond the $2,000 asked of us for Home Missions. Nor was this all: new societies formed were continually, and have averaged almost two to every week of the year.

Sunday School Mission Day was observed in the fall, largely through the influence of the societies, with a good result. The money from this offering, however, is not included in this report.

Already, ere the celebration of this day, the box-packing season had arrived. The needs of fifty-three missionary families are being provided for, in whole or in part by as many societies. The value of thirty boxes packed this fall is included in the statement given below.

Besides all this—or rather, one great cause of all this—has been the untiring work of many of the Associational Vice-Presidents. Through plans of reporting adopted at the Annual Meeting last year, the societies were asked to report quarterly to the Vice-Presidents, as well as the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee, thus bringing themselves into closer and more helpful relations with these officers. Though all have not acted on this often repeated suggestion and request, quite a number have done so, and the plan has begun to work admirably. A number of Association Missionary Meetings were held, and were everywhere, except when rain prevented, well attended.

In a number of instances the minutes of these Woman's Missionary Meetings were included with those of the Association itself. To all the Associations which the Central Committee could reach, a report of the Woman's Work was sent, and as far as heard from, received by the Associations and included in the body of their proceedings.

All this is of utmost significance, as showing the important place accredited to Woman's Mission work throughout the bounds of our State.

A large and diligent year's work has been accomplished by the Central Committee, of which I give below a summary of the part directly in my charge:

Letters written, 1,432; postals, 363; quarterly letters, 2,320; leaflets, 7,220; minutes, 775; col-

lection envelopes, 6,200; report blanks, 3,890; total leaflets, blanks, etc., 16,085.

Perhaps you may ask, what shall we do in the coming year, which has not been done in this? May I point out some of the things we lack—not in any sense of blame, but because our calling is so high that we earnestly desire to fulfill it; and moreover, because I, by the choice of others, am in a position to know much of the societies at large. First, then, our societies, as a whole, need deeper spirituality in their meetings. This grows largely out of the fact that in many societies there is not a single member who will lead in prayer, and in many more only one or two who will offer this service, and make this sacrifice, which all will admit is for the good of all. Should this be so? What we really want will we not willingly ask for? There has been marked improvement here, but you will bear me out in saying we are still short of what we should be.

Another thing we lack is a deeper knowledge of missions. We have greatly advanced in this, also, but the leaders of the societies especially need to go further in this direction. Those who have regularly attended the Missionary Society for some years wish a broader knowledge of these subjects than can be given in even the most interesting current magazine or leaflets. We see in these generally the facts of to-day, without the foundation work that has made these facts possible.

I would recommend each society to buy one or two missionary books every year. Make

these the basis of a thorough knowledge of one mission fields, which shall be a regular course of study for the year, carried out side by side with the study of current missionary events, as given in the *Journal*, *Home Field*, and leaflets sent out by the Committee. For such study no better books could not be recommended than one by one of our missionaries, and another about one of them. Dr. Graves's *Forty Years in China* gives something of the history of this vast empire, and especially the changes which have taken place there during his period of service. *The Life of Dr. Yates* spans almost the whole period of missionary effort in that country, and reveals the manner and necessities of this work as typified in one noble life. Two such books as these, read side by side throughout the year, will lift the whole society to a higher knowledge, and a deeper interest, in this great field. What is true of China, is true of every mission field. Try this plan, or something similar to it.

Again, we lack more earnest and continued effort to bring *all* the women of the church into the society. One society has in it every lady member of the church but two, and is hoping for these. This is, however, the marked exception. If the Woman's Missionary Society is good for us, good for the church to which we belong, we owe it to our sisters and our church to *continual* endeavor to get all to join us. I would urge all societies to begin the new year with a wise, thoughtful, united and *continued* effort to increase their membership.

And last of the things still lacking, which I

shall mention, the societies need *missionary exercise*—a putting into practice those things which we learn to admire and pray for in our missionaries. We pray for new missionaries, but fail to pray to be made missionaries; we ask success in soul-winning for our substitutes, but not for ourselves. The department of Neighborhood Missions was added to our report two years ago. We hoped through them to see the societies enter upon a larger, fuller consecration of self to mission work within the radius of their own neighborhoods. But comparatively few have entered this work. Why not? Are there not those who need this work? Is there not room for mothers' meetings, neighborhood prayer-meetings, Sunday Schools and sewing schools among the poor in your neighborhood? If there is, then, if in your place, "what would Jesus do?"

I have in these suggestions sought to be very practical. Every society whose report I have received, closes by saying: "We want to do better." There are some ways by which this wish may be fulfilled.

But we have done well. We aimed at $7,000, we lack $107 of reaching it. We have given $6,893, and from my heart, and calling on each one of you to join me, I thank God and take courage.

The annual report of Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, was read by Miss Wilder, of Louisburg.

Annual Report of the Woman's Central Committee for the Year ending Dec. 1, 1898.

ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION—	
Kinston	$142 15
Sunbeams, Kinston	4 71
Goldsboro	170 65
Sunbeams, Goldsboro	5 00
Girl's Band, Goldsboro	18 00
Pollocksville	23 72
Tabernacle, Newbern	28 36
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	1 00
Middle Street, Newbern	90 15
Union	2 00
Eureka	35
Piny Grove	3 50
LaGrange	5 00
Mt. Nelson	60
Ayden	1 35
	496 54
BLADEN ASSOCIATION—	
Abbottsburg	7 85
Galleed	8 25
Young Ladies, White Lake	2 42
	18 52
BEULAH ASSOCIATION—	
Lea Bethel	6 00
Trinity	5 45
Yanceyville	13 88
Antioch	16 10
Milton	3 75
Sunbeams, Milton	75
	45 93

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—	
North Wilkesboro	$4 65
	4 65
CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION—	
Southport	21 22
	21 22
CALDWELL ASSOCIATION—	
Lenoir	11 00
	11 00
COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION—	
Whiteville	16 15
Sunbeams, Whiteville	5 82
Griffin's Cross Roads	4 86
Smyrna	3 96
Sunbeams, Smyrna	2 80
	33 59
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—	
1st Church, Raleigh	277 16
Yates Band, 1st Church, Raleigh	77 67
Young Ladies Soc., 1st Ch. Raleigh	40 35
Wake Forest	185 79
Sunbeams, Wake Forest	31 90
Youngsville	44 54
Sunbeams, Youngsville	3 70
Rolesville	10 25
West Raleigh	6 42
Perry's Chapel	18 76
Sunbeams, Perry's Chapel	5 09
Forestville	18 27

Flat Rock	$52 82
Sunbeams, Franklinton	14 68
Sunbeams, Forestville	2 71
Neuse	12 10
Wake Union	2 73
	804 94
CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—	
Sunbeams, Hope Mills	9 60
Hope Mills	4 45
	14 05
CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—	
Elizabeth City	88 20
Reynoldson	16 17
Sawyer's Creek	3 00
	107 37
EASTERN ASSOCIATION—	
Mt. Olive	12 04
Magnolia	2 50
Warsaw	33 35
Bear Marsh	3 81
Clinton	15 20
Sunbeams, Clinton	1 05
Sunbeams, Kenansville	20 00
Wilmington	109 92
Corinth	19 30
Sunbeams, Mt. Olive	4 67
South Side, Wilmington	4 23
	226 07
FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION—	
Stovall	$4 13
Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford	43 37

Hester's	$9 63
Sunbeams, Virgilia	10 81
Mt. Zion	3 00
Oxford	116 82
Sunbeams, Oxford	5 25
Island Creek	22 40
Mill Creek	9 00
Roxboro	5 00
	229 41

GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Rutherfordton	99 66
Sunbeams, Rutherfordton	11 94
Marion	8 95
Montford Cove	8 77
Bethel	7 35
Pleasant Hill	33 23
French Broad	1 39
Round Hill	8 31
Dysartsville (2 quarters)	1 86
Old Fort	1 70
	183 16

KINGS MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—

Shelby	61 70
Sunbeams, Shelby	3 41
Kings Mountain	6 00
	71 11

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—

Lexington	51 50
Thomasville	7 40
Orphanage	10 38
	69 28

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Benson	$7 59
Piny Grove	1 82
Lillington	56
Dunn	13 68
Hector Creek	1 15
Friendship	1 50
	26 30

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—

Mt. Gilead	12 15
1st Church, Durham	134 30
Sunbeams, 1st Church, Durham	12 92
2d Church, Durham	24 28
Young Ladies, Durham	12 00
Lystra	22 05
Chapel Hill	39 00
Burlington	13 40
	270 10

MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION—

Bethel	5 00
	5 00

MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS ASSOCIATION—

Tryon Street, Charlotte	94 50
Young People, Tryon St., Charlotte	43 75
Olivet	19 75
Sunbeams, Tryon St., Charlotte	5 25
	163 25

PILOT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION—

Madison	5 00
Sunbeams, Madison	5 00

Mt. Airy	$19 20
Waughtown	52 11
1st Church, Winston	139 50
Young Ladies, Winston	15 16
Leaksville	55 24
Sunbeams, Broad St., Winston	11 00
	302 21

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—

Sunbeams, Pee Dee	1 28
Rockingham	44 21
Pee Dee	8 22
Morven	3 60
Sunbeams, Morven	5 78
Pleasant Grove	20 68
Wadesboro	91 70
Laurinburg	107 90
Sunbeams, Laurinburg	26 65
Spring Hill	82 21
Roberdel	19 40
Girl's Band, Wadesboro	15 31
Ansonville	7 15
Sunbeams, Spring Hill	4 52
Sunbeams, Wadesboro	13 24
Sunbeams, Pleasant Hill	1 05
Norwood	2 25
Lilesville	4 08
	459 23

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION—

Young Ladies, Washington Street Greensboro	87 70
Greensboro	84 25
Sunbeams, Greensboro	5 00
High Point	56 57

Summerfield	$10 02
Reidsville	50 50
Ramseur	24 17
Sunbeams, Summerfield	50
	318 71

RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—

Smithfield	6 75
Apex	43 20
Sunbeams, Apex	9 27
Mt. Moriah	8 80
Ephesus	2 15
Sunbeams, Ephesus	22 21
Holly Springs	16 85
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	2 15
Tabernacle	168 65
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	14 08
Leesville	4 00
Mt. Hermon	11 28
Sunbeams, Mt. Hermon	6 57
Morrisville	25 70
Pleasant Grove	1 70
Selma	4 40
Sunbeams, Selma	4 00
Vallie Green, Cary	42 00
Wilson's Mills	2 40
Garner	12 35
Clayton	21 60
Salem	3 70
Green Level	7 75
Shady Grove	3 00
Wakefield	2 60
Sunbeams, Salem	2 28
	449 44

ROBESON ASSOCIATION—

Lumber Bridge	$5 00
Lumberton	103 05
Sunbeams, Lumberton	16 19
Raft Swamp	15 86
Ephesus	1 41
Back Swamp	36 55
Ashpole	16 95
Sunbeams, Ashpole	2 95
Red Springs	6 10
Sunbeams, Red Springs	5 70
Centerville	18 76
Spring Hill	10 15
Maxton	50 28
Sunbeams, Maxton	2 64
Big Branch	18 12
Antioch	11 25
Pleasant Hill	1 45
Tolarsville	13 91
Sunbeams, Tolarsville	05
Cedar Grove	2 89
Jackson's Swamp	74
Saddle Tree	7 19
Long Branch	3 90
Bethany	1 25
Rennert	13 90
Pleasant Hope	1 15
	367 39

SANDY RUN ASSOCIATION—

Caroleen	3 30
Henrietta	22 10
	25 40

SOUTH YADKIN ASSOCIATION—

Statesville	$60 10
Cleveland	5 21
New Bethany	50
Cedar Creek	25
Salisbury	14 00
Sunbeams, Salisbury	
	81 06

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Pittsboro	37 38
Siler City	21 40
Sunbeams, Siler City	8 53
Jonesboro	15 26
Carthage	25 00
Aberdeen	47 93
Sunbeams. Aberdeen	4 50
Brush Creek	6 60
Sunbeams, Carthage	1 85
Manly	37 67
Sanford	4 10
May's Chapel	1 00
James Maske Academy	4 81
	216 03

SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Spring Branch	8 03
Fayetteville	77 07
Antioch	6 88
Salem	20 67
Autryville	4 38
White Oak	1 57
Sunbeams, Salem	1 26

Elizabeth	$3 02
	122 88

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—

Gastonia	20 00
Kids Chapel	61
	20 61

STANLY ASSOCIATION—

Albemarle	35 00
Big Lick	2 22
	37 22

TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Henderson	102 21
Sunbeams, Henderson	40 74
Washington	14 65
Sunbeams, Washington	9 61
Scotland Neck	34 55
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	6 70
Poplar Springs	25 00
Weldon	17 50
Sunbeams, Louisburg	4 75
Louisburg	87 69
Wilson	70 32
Sunbeams, Wilson	4 54
Rocky Mount	55 72
Gardeners	10 50
Warren Plains	10 95
Battleboro	2 13
Young Girls, Henderson	4 30
Maplesville	23 70
Hobgood	6 10
Tillery	1 50

Enfield	$27 05
Sunbeams, Weldon	4 50
Littleton	2 00
	566 71

UNION ASSOCIATION—

Oak Grove	5 90
Monroe	42 00
Meadow Branch	7 40
Workers' Band, Monroe	32 37
	87 67

WEST CHOWAN ASSOCIATION—

Pine Forest	3 22
Rich Square	12 23
Roberts' Chapel Cadets	15 78
Union	17 50
Mt. Tabor	38 93
Cashie	20 28
Sumbeams, Cashie	6 27
Elam	16 82
Galatia	18 80
Ross	19 00
Potecasi	14 40
Sandy Run	4 25
Roanoke	28 15
Buckhorn	88 47
Murfreesboro	2 80
Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	19 95
Republican	6 59
Meherrin	2 32
Sunbeams, Meherrin	9 93
Hebron	25 68
Holly Grove	7 58

Sunbeams, Colerain	$4 87
Lawrence's X Roads	9 91
Dudley Grove	1 50
Lewiston	8 39
Kelford Sunday School	3 00
Sunbeams Roanoke	7 48
Sunbeams, Aulander	5 00
Shiloh	5 00
Mt. Carmel	1 92
Little Gleaners. Buckhorn	1 00
Holly Grove School House	6 00
Aulander	6 50
	439 52

No Association Given—

Rose Church	3 20
A Friend	5 00
Mrs. Gilmore	2 00
Mary Strickland	1 85
Union	1 35
Mrs. Winborn	11 80
Rock Fish	8 45
Waxhaw	2 71
Mrs. Tollett	5 00
	41 36

Total, divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	2,070 11
Home Missions	2,702 72
State Missions	1,152 11
Orphanage	329 16
Education	5 41
Louisville Seminary	6 40
Relief Fund	8 15

Expense Fund	$2 18
Sunday Schools	10 69
Cubans, box	50 00
	6,335 93

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—

Flat Rock, Central	7 94
Pleasant Hill, Robeson	8 95
Tolarsville, Robeson	3 25
White Oak, Green River	94
Leesville, Robeson	9 83
Young People, Charlotte, M and C.	31 00
Sunbeams, Henderson, Tar River	2 25
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	
Newbern, Atlantic	1 00
Tabernacle, Newbern, Atlantic	5 00
Yates Band, Raleigh, Central	3 10
Mt. Hermon, Raleigh	27 30
Mrs. Cole's Sunday School Class	1 50
Morrisville, Raleigh	26 26
Raft Swamp, Robeson	4 76
Sunbeams, 1st Church, Durham, Mt. Zion	12 00
Monroe, Union	78 00
Sunbeams, Rehoboth, W. Chowan	19 45
Scotland Neck, Tar River	105 95
Fayetteville, South River	55 00
GreensboroPiedmont	36 25
Lumberton, Ashpole and Pleaant Hill, Robeson	75 26
Pittsboro, Sandy Creek	46 81
Burlington, Mt. Zion	17 00
Cary, Raleigh	22 00
Ramseur, Piedmont	53 72

Montford Cove, Green River		$2 55
		656 97
Divided as follows:		
Foreign Missions		29 80
Home Missions		2 05
State Missions		38 28
Orphanage		7 94
Boxes		578 45
Christmas Offering		55
		656 97
Grand Total—		
Foreign Missions	1,430 99	
Christmas Offering	569 47	
Total for Foreign Missions		2,000 46
Home Missions	708 89	
Value of Boxes	2,077 19	
Self-denial	497 14	
Total for Home Missions		3,283 22
State Missions		1,190 39
Orphanage		337 10
Education		5 41
Seminary		5 40
Relief		8 15
Expense Fund		2 18
Sunday Schools		10 69
Cuban Sufferers		50 00
Total		6,893 00

Of the above amount the Sunbeams have contributed to

Foreign Missions	$183 83
Home Missions	159 48
State Missions	165 99
Total	509 30

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. A. BRIGGS.

NOTE.—There will be found to be $36.25 difference in this report and that rendered to the State Convention and reported in the minutes of that body. This mistake was made by a Society in reporting and not corrected until after the report to the Convention had been made.

Report from Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Band Superintendent, was read by Miss Mary Carter, of Raleigh.

REPORT OF BAND SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE YEAR 1898.

When making out a report for the Sunbeam work of the year, one alternates between encouragement and discouragement. Encouragement at what has been done, and discouragement that more has not been accomplished.

In reviewing the year's work let us profit by our mistakes, and strive to make of them stepping-stones to help us over the difficult places in the work of the coming year.

There is one difficulty of which several leaders have written me to this effect,—"I would

like to have public missionary exercises by the children of my band, but they are at school, and constant attendance at the practices interferes with their studies and needed exercise." When I received these letters I sympathized with the leaders and the children. I feel sure that occasional public meetings are of benefit. It is the work of teaching the children their parts. and then getting them to attend the practices, that makes it hard for the leader. It seems to me, that the remedy for these ills would be to teach the children bright, pretty, missionary songs and recitations all during the year. When you wish to have a public service make up a program of the pieces the children already know, with possibly a few additions. Several practices in which to teach them their places, and the order of the songs and recitations will be all that is necessary.

Another suggestion in regard to the "Week of Self-denial." We all know how few and far between are the pennies which come into the children's possession. For them time might be lengthened into a month of self-denial. This is merely a hint to the leader, as it has been successfully tried in some bands.

The child who is not fond of listening to interesting stories is a rare exception. Nothing delights a boy more than to be told a thrilling adventure with the assurance that it is really true. Where could more perilous situations or narrow escapes be found than in the lives of our great missionaries. who never knew fear, nor turned from danger? I wish every band leader had that wonderful book, "The Story

of Yates the Missionary." Surely such a man as he was must be dear to theheart of every healthy, active boy, and his brave wife an inspiration to every girl.

During the past year three hundred and three letters and eight postals have been written to the Sunbeam Societies by your Band Superintendent. Replies have come from many of the bands, yet a number of letters sent out have never been answered. Interest in the the work will certainly be increased by personal communications.

We have welcomed twenty-five new societies to our ranks, but as many of them were added late in the year, little work has as yet been reported from them. I should like to call attention to the fact, that though ninety-three Sunbeam Societies are enrolled, they represent only twenty-five Associations. Surely we ought to have the children in every Association trained in mission work.

The most discouraging fact that we have to record for the year is our financial falling off. Eight hundred dollars ($800 00) was set as our standard, and we have not come up to the six hundred and seventy-eight dollars ($678.00) of 1897. Our report shows only five hundred and nine dollars and thirty cents ($509.30) for this year. I am sure however, that this does not represent all given by the children. At the beginning of this year I received letters telling me of more money given in '97 than had been reported, and I feel sure such will be the case this year. I want to ask the band leaders to be especially careful in the new year to send

the quarterly reports promptly and made out separately from the reports of the women's societies. While the money goes to the same objects yet the children should be encouraged by having full credit for what they do.

We have, I think, a good outlook for this year. Lately several bright letters from leaders show a new interest in the work. Shall we not thank the Heavenly Father daily that He has given us the privilege of awakening in the hearts of these little ones the desire for the spread of His Kingdom?

ELIZABETH N. BRIGGS.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions.—Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Miss Mabel Vaughan, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Howard, Miss Carter, Miss Hardy, Mrs. Allen.

Plans of Work.—Miss Grace Brown, Mrs. James Long, Miss E. A. Draughan, Mrs. S. A. Howard, Mrs. Shaw.

Obituaries.—Miss Lizzie Savage, Miss Green, Miss Wilder, Miss Speight, Mrs. Terrell.

Closing devotional exercises.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
Dec. 9, 3 o'clock.

Opening devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Newbern.

Dr. Willingham, of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on the subject, "Woman and the Bible."

Recommendations on the Foreign Mission Board were read and adopted.

The following Associational Vice-Presidents made reports of their work:

Miss Draughan reported for the Atlantic Association.

Mrs. Howard reported for the South River Association.

Prayer and praise service, conducted by Mrs. Long, Goldsboro

Mrs. Shaw reported for the Tar River Association.

Miss Grace Brown reported for the West Chowan Association.

Words of cheer were given by a number of representatives from societies.

Mrs. George Greene, of Canton, gave an exceedingly interesting sketch of a Chinese woman's life, illustrating by articles of dress, food and worship.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING,
Dec. 10, 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Draughan, of Kinston.

Rev. John E. White delivered an address on State Missions.

The recommendations of the Home Board were read and adopted.

The following questions were discussed:

1. What is the reason for the indifference of the churches to the cause of missions? Discussion opened by Mrs. Hight C. Moore.

2. Do churches which have Missionary Societies give more to missions than those that have no societies? Discussion opened by Miss Draughan.

3. What is the true relation of school work to missions? Discussion opened by Miss Grace Brown.

4. Need of sending single ladies in the field. Discussion opened by Mrs. Howard.

Miss Anna Greene read a paper on school work in Canton, China.

5. What is the proper relation of the Society to the Church? Discussion opened by Mrs. Long.

Messages were given from societies not before heard from.

Mrs Shaw was called to the chair.

Miss Heck, in behalf of the Central Committee, presented and spoke on the Central Committee Recommendations for the next year. After a number of sentence prayers the Recommendations were unanimously adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Rejoicing in the evidence of Divine blessing on the united work of the societies in the past, and desiring in love and gratitude an increase of our work for the conversion of the world, your Central Committee would recommend for the year 1898–'99:

1. That the societies make renewed and continued efforts to secure the membership of all the female members of their churches; that they give their aid and hearty support to the organization and maintenance of Children's

Mission Bands; that they use their influence to introduce into their churches the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for missions; that they hold themselves ever ready, as servants of the church, to urge forward both as societies and individuals, the work of Home, State, and Foreign Missions.

2. That the societies observe again this year, as hitherto, and as is recommended by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Christmas Offering and the Week of Prayer for Missions, the Week of Self-denial and Prayer for Home Missions, and use their influence toward the observance of Bible and Mission Days in the Sunday Schools.

3. That the sum of $500 from the Christmas Offering be devoted to the support of Mr. T. C. Britton, of Soochow, China, the Yates Memorial missionary.

4. That while marked increase in the gifts to State Missions has been made in the last two years, continued emphasis be placed upon this; that it be also remembered that the Home Board needs enlarged funds for work in Cuba, and that the Foreign Mission Board looks to the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention for $30,000, the amount necessary for the support of all our female missionaries.

5. Since interest without knowledge is impossible, we again urge upon the Woman's Missionary Societies subscription to the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field*, and the *Biblical Recorder*; and upon the Sunbeams the taking of *Kind Words*.

6. That societies put themselves in communication with the Vice-Presidents of their Associations, and send them regularly duplicates of the Quarterly Report sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee; that they also assist these officers in the maintenance of an Annual Association Missionary Meeting.

7. Since the societies are organized for world-wide missions, that the members give not only money, but themselves, to mission work, seeking out the poor and the ignorant around them, organizing and maintaining mothers' meetings, neighborhood prayer-meetings or sewing schools.

8. That in view of the past increase in the gifts of the Women and Children's Mission Societies, connected with our Convention, we take for our aim for the year (December, 1898-'99) giving $7,500, to be divided as follows: $2,600 to Foreign Missions, $3,400 to Home Missions, and $1,500 to State Missions.

Miss Brown, for committee, read recommendations on Plans of Work, which were adopted.

PLANS OF WORK.

We recommend:

1. That the Central Committee urge the Associational Vice-Presidents to hold a meeting of the societies one afternoon during each Union Meeting; or if she is unable to attend, that she secure some suitable person to take her place; that each society representatives to these meetings.

2. That each Vice-President urge every society under her care to take some definite aim for the year's work.

3. As the Associational Vice-Presidents have found it exceedingly helpful to have societies report to them, as well as to Mrs. Briggs, that the Central Committee emphasize the importance of this, and urge the societies to report promptly every quarter.

4. Recognizing the fact that many of the societies wish to contribute to the Orphanage and other objects of our denomination, the Central Committee is urged to insist in such cases that this shall be over and above the regular dues of the society already pledged to Home, Foreign and State Missions. It is suggested to societies that they have an extra fund of a penny or more each month on which to draw for contributions to special objects.

5. Although the Central Committee has been impressing upon societies the importance of Neighborhood Missions, we further ask them to urge each society to appoint a committee to look up the poor and afflicted in the community, and to aid them spiritually and physically.

6. That the societies ask the Associations with which they are connected to have a page of their minutes devoted to the Woman's Work.

Miss Grace T. Brown.
Mrs. W. B. Shaw.
Miss E. A. Draughan.
Mrs. Samuel Howard.
Mrs. James Long.

Mrs. Picot, from Como, read an essay for Mrs. Lacy Hoge, of Concord, entitled, "Facing the New Year."

Miss Savage, for the Committee on Obituaries, read the report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our loving Father, whose ways are beyond our knowing, to remove from our Union since our last meeting, two of our beloved sisters and efficient workers, Mrs. Mary Stovall, of Stovall Society, Granville County, and Miss Daisy Bright, of New Hope Society, Atlantic Association.

Resolved 1. That we thoroughly appreciate their zealous work for the cause of missions, and commend their example to the earnest consideration of our sisters.

Resolved 2. That a copy of these resolutions be put in the minutes of our Union.

Miss LIZZIE SAVAGE.
Miss ROSA SPEIGHT.
Miss ELIZABETH WILDER.
Miss ALVADA GREEN.

Mrs. H. C. Moore read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Report is as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the North Carolina

Baptist Convention be and are hereby extended to the citizens of Greenville for their generous hospitality, and to the Methodist Church for the use of its house of worship.

We desire also to express our appreciation to the Kinston people, who so kindly entertained us while in their city.

We desire that these resolutions be published in the *Daily Reflector*.

Miss HIGHT C. MOORE.
Mrs. W. G. FREEMAN.
Miss M. W. HARDY.
Miss M. D. VAUGHAN.
Mrs. W. O. ALLEN.
Miss MARY CARTER.

Mrs. Greene and Miss Greene, who were to return to China on December 28, 1898, spoke touching words of farewell, and one by one bade farewell to those present.

Miss Draughan led in prayer.

After the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," the Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Societies adjourned to meet December, 1899, at the same time and place as the Baptist State Convention.

	Letters Written	Societies Visited.	Societies Organized.
Atlantic, Mrs A. E Draughan, Kinston	81	3	1
Beulah, Miss Georgia Robertson, Yanceyville	25	2	3
Central, Mrs. A. J. Ellis, West Raleigh	55		3
Columbus, Mrs Simms Memory, Whiteville	2	1	3
Green River, Mrs. A. J. Grayson, Rutherfordton	56	6	4
Little River, Miss Emma Kivett, Lillington	25	3	2
*Kings Mountain, Mrs. L K. Connelly, Shelby			
*Liberty, Miss Roxie Sheets, Liberty			
Mt. Zion, Mrs. L. W. Battle, Durham	29		
Pilot Mountain, Mrs Harvey Crist, Salem	25	6	1
Pee Dee, Mrs Frank Bennett, Wadesboro	63	16	3
Piedmont, Mrs. J.C. Murchison, Greensboro	51	3	1
*Union, Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe			
*Meck'burg and Cabarrus Mrs. S B. Price, Lodo			
South River, Mrs Samuel A. Howard, Huntley	43	13	3
Sandy Creek, Mrs. S. H. Chapin, Pittsboro	30	1	1
Raleigh, Mrs John E. White, Cary	97	5	2
Robeson, Mrs. S. F. Toon, Lumberton	37	5	3
Tar River, Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson	65	6	2
West Chowan, Miss Grace T. Brown, Murfreesboro	188	25	13
Total	872	95	46

* Not tabulated.

YEARLY STATISTICS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$1,000.95
1887	1,718.46
1888	1,881.59
1889	1,940.40
1890	1,921.56
1891	3,128.14
1892	3,916.85
1893 (Centenial contribut'n included	4,955.71
1894	2,374,97
1895	4,491.88
1896	3,969.54
1897	6,272.83
1898	6,893.00
Total	44,664,88

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MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Societies

Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina

HELD IN THE

METHODIST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE
DECEMBER 6TH AND 7TH

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. S., and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting, we their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), and one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday Morning, December 6.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Central Methodist Church, Asheville, Thursday, December 6, at 10 o'clock, the President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, in the chair.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. Tucker, of Asheville, N. C.

Address of welcome was made by Mrs. John Starnes, of Asheville, N. C., in behalf of the ladies of the city.

Response by Mrs. Tyree, of Durham, N. C.

Enrollment of delegates showed the following ladies in attendance:

Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Marion; Miss Dora Hamrick; Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton; Mrs. J. A. Holcomb, West End, Asheville ; Mrs. M. L. Justice, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Chas. R. Whitaker, Fern Hill, Biltmore; Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston-Salem; Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg; Mrs. J. G. Pulliam, Lenoir; Mrs. J. K. Hankins, Lexington; Miss Julia Highsmith, 2d Church, Durham; Mrs. J. T. Justice, Beaver Dam; Mrs. Jason Ashworth, Fairview; Miss Sallie Bright, Murphy; Mrs. A. S. Holcomb, Clyde; Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde; Mrs. E. A. Yarborough, Hendersonville; Mrs. H. Mon-

tague, Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. Sorrell, Leesville; Mrs. J. H. Tucker, First Church, Asheville; Mrs. W. E. Logan, West End, Asheville; Mrs. M. L. Richardson, Greensboro; Mrs. J. F. Parrott, Kinston; Miss Ethel Taylor, Wake Forest; Miss Alice C. Ferrell, Raleigh; Mrs. H. A. Brown, Winston-Salem; Miss Eva Patrick, Rockingham; Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Durham; Miss Mary Stradley, Beaver Dam; Miss Hattie Siler, Waynesville; Miss Lida Carter; Mrs. Hooper; Mrs. R. L. Moore, Mars Hill; Miss Bessie Worthington, Wilson; Miss Malonee, Charlotte; Mrs. Lucy Coleman, Churchill; Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem.

Miss Draughan was called to the chair, and presided during the election of officers for the Ninth Annual Meeting, which resulted as folows: Fannie E. S. Heck, President, and D. Rich, Secretary.

A duet was sung by Mrs. Thomas, of Kinston, and Mr. Betts.

This being the first annual meeting since the Woman's Central Committees of the Western Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention united, a formal welcome was tendered to the Western Societies by Mrs. Harvey Crist, of Salem. This was responded to by Mrs. Yarborough, of Asheville.

As President of the Central Committee, Miss Heck made her annual address as follows:

Few Christians enjoy a whole Bible. Some of its most precious promises are put in the past, others are projected far into the future.

Isaiah, calling the men of his day to a higher, purer religious life, assured them of beauties and glories which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor which it had entered into the heart of man to conceive, yet which God, he said, had prepared for His people in their own land of Palestine. Again, in the New Testament, Paul takes up the strain, promising to those of his day and time these same beauties and glories in the years of their earthly life. But we, wanting in faith that the kingdom of heaven is with us, have projected this promise into the future, impoverishing ourselves of all these unspeakable joys by our want of anticipation of them.

Christ at the feast He has prepared is ever calling to the lowliest of His children to come up higher. Here no salt, as in the olden days, divides the lowest from the highest; all may rise to nearness to the Master of the feast. But how? To the usual grace of prayer and faith, or rather leading to them, must be added knowledge; ever emphasized in the Scriptures, little dwelt upon in our teaching. Here is the very foundation of life, for to know God is life eternal. Turn to the Epistles of Paul which, next to the words of Christ Himself, have been the guide of the church in all ages, and trace through them the exhortations to learn of

God: "Add to your faith knowledge;" "Grow in grace and in knowledge of God;" "Increase in wisdom and in the knowledge of God"—and farther, see how every Christian grace must spring from a fuller understanding of God and His work. Turn to that faith chapter in Hebrews and see the summary—"For he that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Yet how shall we know His rewards unless we know whom and how He has rewarded? God has revealed Himself to us in *His Word;* He is revealing Himself to us in *His works.*

To-day we meet to consider one branch of God's work in the world. As I have often said in these last years, I used to believe that knowledge of missions would be sufficient to make all ardent supporters of this greatest effort of the Christian church. I do not think so now. It is not knowledge of missions that we need, but knowledge of God through missions. This is the end and object of all mission study. He has dealt so. He changes not. He will deal so. He has commanded. It will stand. Knowledge of God in His world to-day is essential to larger, more intelligent work for Him.

Modern missions have passed the experimental stage. They have turned a hundred years. The Acts of the Apostles cover a period of thirty years; these new acts of the Apostles a hundred. When Paul died there were, perhaps, eight or nine hundred thousand who had heard and heeded. To say nothing of the mil-

lions reached by Home Mission efforts, in foreign fields alone, ten millions are rejoicing in heaven or in earth as a result of last hundred years work. To know the trials, the prayers, the labors, of those who have accomplished this, and to interpret them by the dealings of God with the early churches, is to know God.

Rarely has any religious body gathered this year without being reminded that we are stepping into a new century. Prophets have been busy with the coming years; the scientist has foretold wonders innumerable in his realm; the inventor has dreamed of rapid transit, wireless telegraphy, the air darkened with flying ships of air and a thousand things that we dare not say may not be. But the Christian has dreamed greater dreams than they—a world of universal peace; a world where every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord. Two solemn facts are certain; one, that it remains with the church of to-day to fulfill its own prophesies; the other, that its work will soon be done. One thing we know: We shall all die within the next century. I asked a godly Christian who had often faced death, if it was a monster or an angel. She replied, not to my question, but said slowly, It is a solemn thing to pass in an unfinished account. How does my account stand—and yours?

In view of all the hopes, of all the prophesies of the church for this new hundred years, the Southern Baptist Convention has determined to

make the year 1900 a year of preparation through knowledge of the past. To do this they will endeavor to scatter broadcast over our country stories telling of the dealings of God with our Baptist forefathers, in the days when they numbered few and were despised, and following them through all their years of struggle and growth up to the time when now they number four millions in our own land, with representatives in every clime. Surely we will, as we view God's arm made bare for our support and growth, trust Him and take courage for far larger things.

But we are not alone in this. The whole Christian world gathers to review its forces; to marshall its strength; to unite and general itself for the coming struggle which many feel will be the last with the Powers of Evil. Next April in New York, there will gather a council such as the world has never seen, where from three to five thousand of the best and foremost from every land will unite in considering how best and most quickly this world may become the dominion of our God and King. The cry throughout the church as never before is "Onward and Upward." But every army depends for its success not upon its generals, but upon the character of the soldiers who forms its ranks. One coward may stampede a regiment; one hero lead the charge through flying shot and shrieking shell.

We are a company of the great army of our God. We come together to-day not without our triumphs in the past. Our Leader has smiled upon

our efforts, and this smile assures us of His willingness still to bless. Our hearts burns to do more for Him who has done so much for us. The question with us is, how shall we prepare for this work for Him?

Let us fall in with the great movement of our own Convention, and the whole Christian world. Let us here and now determine that this shall be a year of *broadening out,* a year of increased knowledge of God not only in His Word, but in His works, putting this, not among the last, but among the first things for which time must be made—as time can be made, when we will. Take to yourselves an old man's advice to a young soldier of the cross, and regarding Paul's words to Timothy, "give attention to reading." But this is but the beginning. Out of it will grow what follows in Paul's words, the giving of exhortation and doctrine; the self-giving to the work of missions. I would that here and now I could sound such a call to the women, and especially the young women of our State, to give themselves to mission work that it would go rolling from the least Baptist church by the seashore to the one which nestles furtherest up upon the riven mountain side. I do not mean, primarily, to foreign mission work. No, our own State calls for our labors. We have our State Missionaries, numbering a hundred. The Volunteer Mission Corps, which has come to their aid, numbers an hundred more. But who shall claim that they meet all the need? Is there not need for a Volunteer Teachers Corps for the sal-

vation of our own loved Commonwealth? I have said that the fulfillment of the prophesy of the church of the salavation of the world lies within itself. Here, at our doors, lies the nearest, the most significant mission field. Where are the young women who will give, in the same spirit of devotion which inspires our Foreign Missionaries, two months to work as truly missionary as any in foreign lands? In the name of our State, in the name of our denomination, I call for a Woman's Volunteer Teachers Corps. Has not the time come for this? Are not our factory villages, our mountain coves, calling for godly, self-devoted women to go in among them with the light we so much value for our own communities, our own friends, our own loved ones? This is the great opportunity I would point out to you, the great work to which I would specially call you in the opening year—the last of our century.

But I anticipate. My place was now to review, not to look forward. It is this review, however, which brings me to you with courage and hope and certainty of larger things—for the past bears in its hand the diadem which shall crown the future. Review with me for a moment our great growth in the year that has gone, and judge with me if we may not hope to seize some further gem of service.

That we may easily grasp our year's growth let me lay each department side by side with that 1898:

Our aim was $7,500. We have reached $8,777.98! What then shall hinder our rejoicings.

For that part of the work which falls particularly to the share of your President I report:

New Societies	66
Quarterly letters	2,000
Other letters	2,910
Postals	35
Leaflets, blanks, etc	15,805
Mite boxes	498

So closes our best year's work.

Up then, and forward!

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee, Mrs. J. A. Briggs, of Raleigh, her report was read by Mrs. Fulenwider, Asheville.

Antioch	14.00
Tabernacle, New Bern	13.00
Ayden	1.00
Ariel	2.00
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	.50
Sunbeams, New Hope	.51
Mrs. McDamiel	1.00
New Hope	4.80
Union	3.00
Sunbeams, Middle Street, New Bern	20.00
	597.38

Beulah Association—

Milton	39.86
Sunbeams, Milton	5.36
Lea Bethel	22.48
Yanceyville	15.59

Providence	$0.50
Trinity	8.75
	92.54

Bladen Association—

Green Springs	2.75
Galleed	12.25
Abbottsburg	10.00
	25.00

Buncombe Association—*

Biltmore	3.00
West End, Asheville	71.47
Asheville	184.48
Cane Creek	39.05
	297.90

Brushy Mountain Association—

North Wilkesboro	5.00

Caldwell Association—

Lenoir	5.75

Cape Fear Association—

Southport	40.56
Myrtle Branch	2.45
Goshen Chapel	6.00
Antioch	5.00
Sunbeams, Smyrna	3.00
Bethel	14.89
	71.90

Columbus Association—

Whiteville	$41.88
Sunbeams, Whiteville	8.30
Sunbeams, Smyrna	3.78
Griffins X Roads	10.24
	64.20

Central Association—

Sunbeams, Franklinton	16.40
First Church, Raleigh	411.74
Yates Band, First Church, Raleigh	58.94
Wake Forest	205.48
Sunbeams, Wake Forest	33.16
Youngsville	17.75
Perry's Chapel	19.80
Sunbeams, Forestville	2.51
West Raleigh	10.13
Sunbeams, Perry's Chapel	4.28
Flat Rock	22.20
Young Ladies, First Church, Raleigh	61.14
Sunbeams, Youngsville	1.40
Rolesville	10.27
New Hope	.80
Rocky Ford	5.07
Pilot Mills	1.19
Sunbeams, Perry's Chapel	2.20
Mt. Vernon	2.00
	886.37

Cedar Creek Association—

Green Springs	$18.00
Hope Mills	13.58
	26.58

Chowan Association—

Elizabeth City	82.00
Reynoldson	15.19
Shiloh	10.00
Sunbeams, Reynoldson	5.00
Cool Springs	3.82
Warwick	23.56
Sawyer's Creek	5.00
	144.57

Carolina Association—

Hendersonville	119.34
Mt. Gilead	9.31
Green Mountain	5.50
	134.15

Eastern Association—

Sunbeams, Lisbon	9.62
Mt. Olive	6.04
Kenansville	13.02
Clinton	40.35
Elizabeth	1.36
Sunbeams, Kenansville	8.53
Sunbeams, Clinton	20.80
Warsaw	26.10
Wilmington	42.31
South Side, Wilmington	36.56

Corinth	$8 28
Girls Band, Wilmington	5.00
Sunday School, Warsaw	11.31
Lisbon	5.00
Johnsons Missionary Society	13.76
	248.04
Flat River Association—	
Oxford	103.95
Hesters	5.20
Island Creek	15.15
Stovall	12.03
Mt. Zion	14.27
Sunbeams, Oxford	14.92
Seminary, Oxford	48.20
Mill Creek	9.00
Florence Avenue, Virgilina	1.07
	223.79
French Broad Association—	
Mars Hill	13.34
Green River Association—	
Rutherfordton	108.24
Sunbeams, Rutherfordton	14.17
Dysartville	6.13
Bethel	15.31
Pleasant Hill	51.90
Montford Cove	9.52
Marion	21.90
Mt. Vernon	10.00
Round Hill	9.40
	246.62

Haywood Association—

Rock Spring	$11.00
Pleasant Hill	36.15
Waynesville	108.80
Sunbeams, Pleasant Hill	77.05
	233.00

Kings Mountain Association—

Shelby	25.87
Sunbeams, Shelby	1.70
Young Ladies, Shelby	10.26
	37.83

Little River Association—

Benson	10.08
Dunn	18.35
Lillington	9.24
Buie's Creek	3.10
Cumberland Union	3.50
Hector's Creek	5.00
Friendship	1.00
Sunbeams, Juniper Springs	.42
Holly Springs	3.42
	54.11

Liberty Association—

Lexington	20.00
Orphanage	11.92
	31.92

Mt. Zion Association—

Mt. Gilead	$13.65
First Church, Durham	267.79
Second Church, Durham	69.95
Lystra	22.95
Chapel Hill	8.00
Sunbeams, First Church Durham	29.47
Burlington	31.55
	443.36

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association—

Tryon Street, Charlotte	374.77
Young People's Band, Charlotte	101.00
Concord	1.50
Cheerful Workers, Concord	14.28
Friendship	4.50
Sunbeams, Twelfth Street, Charlotte	10.00
	506.05

Pilot Mountain Association—

Mt. Airy	28.75
Waughtown	13.05
First Church, Winston	176.00
Young Ladies, Winston	20.20
Leaksville	41.05
Madison	7.50
Cleveland	2.25
Mission Band, Salem	6.00
Sunbeams, Mt. Airy	5.90
	300.80

Pee Dee Association—

Pee Dee	$6.65
Rockingham	50.70
Sunbeams, Pee Dee	2.60
Steels Mills	4.70
Lilesville	.81
Laurinburg	138.99
Ansonville	8.19
Sunbeams, Rockingham	6.22
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	1.00
Spring Hill	53.67
Sunbeams, Laurinburg	19.98
Sunbeams, Spring Hill	4.66
Sunbeams, Wadesboro	26.49
Wadesboro	102.10
Roberdel	17.35
Sunbeams, Steels Mills	1.00
Norwood	6.99
Sunbeams, Morven	3.50
Girls Band, Wadesboro	49.05
Sunbeams, Lilesville	.50
	504.97

Piedmont Association—

Washington Street, Greensboro	145.75
Young Ladies, Greensboro	99.15
Reidsville	91.16
Ramseur	14.65
Summerfield	14.53
Busy Bee Band, Greensboro	11.40

B. Y. P. U., Liberty	$2.26
High Point	53.17
	432.97

Raleigh Association—

Apex	36.40
Sunbeams, Apex	5.47
Ephesus	13.50
Sunbeams, Ephesus	22.56
Holly Springs	17.60
Sunbeams, Holly Springs	2.10
Tabernacle	226.71
Sunbeams, Tabernacle	20.23
Mt. Hermon	15.85
Sunbeams, Mt. Hermon	6.83
Wilson's Mills	1.00
Clayton	14.84
Morrisville	43.76
Green Level	11.21
Mt. Moriah	25.71
Leesville	15.80
Sunbeams, Mt. Moriah	.27
Cary	26.14
Selma	12.40
Sunbeams, Inwood	9.99
Inwood	8.62
Wakefield	6.00
Mt. Vernon	2.00
Fayetteville Street Church	2.84

Garner	$3.30
Young Ladies, Tabernacle	5.00
Sunbeams, Cary	4.75
	558.88

Robeson Association—

Pleasant Hill	16.13
Antioch	9.33
Lumberton	107.40
Sunbeams, Lumberton	8.51
Back Swamp	705
Ashpole	41.88
Centerville	1.52
Sunbeams, Back Swamp	1.91
Raft Swamp	13.14
Pleasant Hope	5.51
Sunbeams, Red Springs	8.98
Mt. Moriah	3.25
Maxton	32.43
Lumber Bridge	8.25
Long Branch	2.25
Rennert	12.35
Sunbeams, Maxton	7.79
Sunbeams, Ashpole	2.79
Spring Hill	7.70
Union	5.00
Red Springs	25.00
Cedar Grove	3.25
Saddle Tree	3.53
	334.95

Sandy Run Association—

Cedar Grove	$1.27
Henrietta	34.87
Sunbeams, Henrietta	6.31
	42.45

Sandy Creek Association—

Sandy Creek	3.99
Sunbeams, Siler City	14.30
Carthage	111.25
James Maske Academy	6.25
Bethlehem	1.70
Jonesboro	16.89
Pittsboro	34.01
Siler City	28.00
Brush Creek	6.81
Aberdeen	31.90
Sunbeams, Aberdeen	.31
Manly	22.80
Sanford	5.50
Sunbeams, Carthage	2.12
Tyson Creek	1.83
	307.57

South Yadkin Association—

Statesville	11.48
Sunbeams, Statesville	3.00
Cross Roads	8.40
Cleveland	8.86
	31.74

South River Association—

Fayetteville	$122.75
Salem	63.71
White Oak	16.05
Antioch	14.30
Elizabeth	1.75
Sunbeams, Autryville	3.37
Autryville	.85
Young Ladies, Salem	.50
Spring Branch	4.48
Union Grove	2.00
Sunbeams, Salem	.29
Clement	1.00
	231.05

South Fork Association—

Hickory	16.85
Kids Chapel	1.70
	18.55

Tar River Association—

Sunbeams, Henderson	60.42
Henderson	82.55
Washington	26.34
Sunbeams, Washington	2.65
Scotland Neck	47.89
Weldon	47.00
Louisburg	186.61
Wilson	109.63
Sunbeams, Wilson	9.81

Hobgood	$10.90
Sunbeams, Louisburg	7.43
Enfield	2.34
Warrenton Church	100.00
Sunbeams, Scotland Neck	20.92
Poplar Springs	34.65
Weldon	29.00
Greenville	14.18
Gardeners	16.95
Warren Plains	10.00
Rocky Mount	35.84
Sunbeams, Enfield	1.66
Sandy Creek	2.65
Castalia	2.00
Sunbeams, Poplar Springs	3.25
	864.67

Union Association—

Monroe	114.17
Meadow Branch	73.97
Waxhaw	3.13
	191.27

West Chowan Association—

Oak Grove	3.75
Aulander	13.00
Roberts Chapel	8.74
Mt. Tabor	38.51
Kelford	9.90
Cashie	35.05
Sunbeams, Cashie	42.91

Lewiston	$13.59
Potecasi	34.34
Sunbeams, Union	14.67
Hebron	10.75
Buckhorn	34.50
C. B. Institute, Murfreesboro	8.35
Sunbeams, Murfreesboro	22.13
Sunbeams, Tabor	.31
Sunbeams, Colerain	20.44
Meherrin	7.60
Ross	4.31
Sunbeams, Buckhorn	6.36
Sunbeams, Aulander	9.80
Elam	16.04
Holly Grove	8.56
Union	33.00
Piney Grove	1.00
Spring Branch	2.00
Lawrence's X Roads	6.00
Holly Grove School House	10.80
Sunbeams, Macedonia	1.50
Sunbeams, Roanoke	6.79
Sunbeams, Elam	3.65
Galatia	19.60
Sandy Run	6.27
Pine Forest	10.85
Sunbeams, Meherrin	3.57
Jackson	2.06
Roanoke	1.29
Mt. Carmel	4.60
Capeharts	3.46

Sunbeams, Roberts Chapel	$1.97
Rich Square	1.20
Republican	2.06
	485.28

No Association Given—

Burnington	.42
Spring Branch	3.00
Woodland	3.05
Lewiston	2.09
Flint	4.20
Giles Mill	5.00
Dexter	1.00
Garrison's School House	1.00
Berea	3.50
Bethel	6.50
Marshall	3.00
Rock Fish	8.50
Antioch	1.00
Miss Lilly	5.00
Berea	1.50
New Hope	2.50
Berea	2.00
Bethlehem	4.60
Hope Mills	8.08
Mrs. Ellis	1.00
Pugh	1.25
Bobbitt	2.63
Williamston	10.00
Seaboard	4.60
Mrs. N. A. Gilmore	1.00
	54.92

Divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,818.41	
Christmas Offering	646.65	
Total for Foreign Missions		$2,465.06
Home Missions	$986.56	
Value of Boxes	2,955.30	
Week of Self-Denial	628.41	
Total for Home Missions		4,570.27
State Missions		1,448.93
Orphanage		235.97
Education		28.27
Expense Fund		8.21
Ministerial Relief Fund		18.57
Sunday Schools		2.70
		8,777.98

Of the above the Sunbeams have contributed to the different objects as follows:

Foreign Missions	$270.78
Home Missions	137.19
State Missions	117.36
Total	525.33

*The above is only a very partial report of the work of the Societies in the Buncombe Association, since those Societies, which formerly belonged to the Western Convention, did not begin to report to the Central Committee until the year was half

over. The same is true of the Societies in Haywood New Found, Tennessee River, Tuckaseigee. Carolina and Western Carolina Associations. We trust all these will be fully represented in the report of 1900.

The following full statement of the work of the Buncombe Association Societies for the year 1898-1899, was received from Mrs. George Harborough, Vice-President of this Association, too late to be included in the body of this report.

Asheville, First Church	$534.75
Biltmore	166.57
Asheville, West End	130.38
Garrison School House	5.00
Cane Creek	41.56
Berea	7.00
Beaverdam	3.00
Morgan Hill	6.00
Total	894.21

A prayer and praise service was conducted by Miss E. A. Draughan, of Kinston.

The report of the Band Superintendent, Miss Eilzabeth N. Briggs, was as follows:

REPORT OF BAND SUPERINTENDENT FOR 1899.

"Thou hast set my feet in a large room." Of late this thought of the Psalmist has been deeply impressed upon me. Our Heavenly Father has not taken us from a greater and put us into a smaller world of thought and action. He has set our feet in a large room. Not an empty room, nor

a room in which to be idle, but a large room full of beauty and happiness.

All about it are the pure thoughts and noble deeds of those who have lived in it and have passed through the door at the farthest end into the Heavenly City.

There are great opportunities in this room. It is not enough for us to admire the beauties, we have also to see and grasp the opportunities as we meet them.

Let us as Sunbeam workers turn and see if we have made this room more beautiful, and if we have laid hold of the opportunities given us during the year 1899.

A larger number than usual of the Bands observed a week or more of self-denial for Home Missions in the past Spring. This is surely a plain opportunity and one which rouses much interest among the children. Shall not even more of us follow their example this year?

During the hot summer months many of the Sunbeams worked hard and gave an extra ten cents beside their regular dues. This added to the report for the hardest quarter, and it is hoped that all the Sunbeams will try it this Summer.

The financial report of 1899 gives us cause for encouragement. The children have contributed to missions $525.33, which is $16.03 more than they gave in '98.

Seventeen new Societies have joined us. With the help of these, and, we hope, of many more, we

can look into the new year with expectations of great things.

Letters written during the year 380; postals 84.

We now turn from this backward glance to what is before us in the large room. Let us pray that, as the Elder Brother leads us through it, He will open our eyes more to its beauties and opportunities.

The call for the report of Associational Vice-Presidents was responded to by Mrs. S. A. Howard, of South River; Mrs. George Yarborough, Buncombe; Miss E. A. Draughan, Atlantic; Mrs. Harvey Crist, Pilot Mountain; Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Green River; Mrs. B. F. Hill, Haywood.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises, led by Miss Heck.

An hour with the Secretaries followed, Dr. R. F. Willingham, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. Kerfoot, of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Frost, of the Sunday School Board; Rev. J. E. White, of the State Mission Board, and Dr. Willingham.

The following Committees were appointed:

ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston-Salem; Miss Draughan, Kinston; Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Pulliam, Lenoir; Mrs Hill, Mrs. Grayson, Rutherfordton; Miss Bright, Mrs. Whitaker, Biltmore.

ON OBITUARIES.

Mrs. Tucker, Asheville; Mrs. Tyree, Durham; Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Parrott.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Marion; Mrs. Justice, Mrs. Hankins, Hendersonville; Miss Hamrick, Mrs. Yarborough, Mrs. H. A. Brown, Winston-Salem.

The session closed with an informal reception of the Secretaries of the Boards.

Friday Morning, December 7.

Session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Mary Hudgins, of Marshall.

Mrs. A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond, Va., brought greetings from the W. M. Workers of her State.

Greetings were given in behalf of the W. M. Society of the Central M. E. Church of Asheville.

Miss Heck announced the organization of the latest W. M. Society—the one just organized in the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. Greetings from this Society representing every section of the State, were read as follows:

To the Woman's Missionary Board of the State of North Carolina, in Session at Asheville:

We, the members of the newly organized Missionary Society of the Baptist Female University, send greetings.

We wish to be enrolled as part of the great body of active workers in the cause of missions, and asking your interest and your prayers, we pledge

you our earnest zeal in the field of missions, and our faithful efforts to manifest in our work the spirit of Him who is our Master.

MARGARET SHIELDS,
President.

ETHEL BARNES,
Secretary.

The Missionary Calendar was taken up, each special feature of the year's work being discussed at length.

Mrs. John Starnes, of Asheville, opened the discussion on the Christmas Offering, recommending that to the Yates Memorial Missionary, Mr. T. C. Britton, whose salary has been raised by this offering for several years past, we adopt Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, (formerly of Asheville), as our Memorial Missionary for Mrs. Yates. Many joined in the discussion which followed, the universal opinion being that this might and should be done. Discussion closed with prayer for Miss Lottie Price and her work.

Discussion "The Week of Prayer and How to Observe It," was opened by Mrs. H. Montague, of Winston-Salem, followed by many helpful suggestions.

The recommendations of the Central Committee were read by Mrs. Hamrick. Miss Heck, in behalf of Central Committee, explained what was contemplated by Recommendation 9, which she characterized as the great forward step for 1900. After full discussion the recommendations of the Central Committee were unanimously adopted, as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Looking forward to the last year of the nineteenth century, and desiring to enter the twentieth fully equipped for larger and better mission work, the Central Committee would recommend for the year 1900 as follows:

1. That the Societies make a renewed and continued effort to secure the membership of all the female members of their churches; that they give their aid and hearty support to the organization and maintenance of Children's Mission Bands; that they use their influence to introduce into their churches the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for missions; that they hold themselves ever ready, as servants of the church, to urge forward both as Societies and individuals, the work of Home, State and Foreign Missions.

2. That the Societies observe again this year, as hitherto, and as is recommended by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Christmas Offering and the Week of Prayer for Missions, the Week of Self-Denial and Prayer for Home Missions, and use their influence towards the observance of Bible and Mission Days in the Sunday Schools.

3. That the sum of $500 from the Christmas Offering be devoted to the support of Mr. T. C. Britton, of Soochow, China, as a memorial to Dr. Yates, and that the salary of Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, to which the Societies in Ashe-

ville and its vicinity are now giving $200, be completed, making her support our memorial to Mrs. Yates.

4. That while in the last three years marked increase has been made in the gifts to State Missions, continued emphasis be placed upon this work, and that we this year observe a day of Thanksgiving during the first week in July, the gifts made on this occasion being for this object.

5. In view of the immense opportunities open to us within the bounds of our own State, that we organize a Teachers Volunteer Corps, offering on the application of any pastor in a destitute neighborhood, to supply a teacher for six weeks during the summer months, these teachers to conduct summer schools in which Bible and elementary studies are taught, receiving for their services only their board and traveling expenses.

6. That since the Southern Baptist Convention has decided to make the year 1900 memorable by an educational missionary campaign, special emphasis be laid upon the reading of missionary books, and increased efforts be made to still further widen the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist and Kind Words.

7. That while we note with gratitude the closer relations between Societies and the Associational Vice-Presidents, we still urge upon all to regularly communicate with these officers at least once a

quarter, sending them duplicate copies of the quarterly report sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee, and also assist them in the maintenance of an Associational Missionary meeting.

8. That in view of the past increase in the gifts of Woman's and Children's Missionary Societies connected with our Convention, we take as our aim of the year, December, 1899-1900, the giving of $9,500, to be divided as follows: Foreign Missions, $3,000; Home Missions, $4,500, and State Missions $2,000 in money and boxes as they may be needed.

Discussion on the Week of Self-Denial opened by Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton.

Discussion: "How to Hold the Children for Missions," opened by Mrs. Carrie Rich, Winston-Salem. The need of consecrated women as leaders of the Bands being deeply felt, earnest prayer was offered that they might be raised up in the coming year in great numbers.

The question, "How to Pack a Missionary Box," was thrown open for general discussion, many participating.

Report of the Committee on Recommendations offered by Mrs. Crist, was adopted as follows:

We would emphasize the recommendations of the Central Committee, and commend them to the Women's Missionary Societies, feeling that they are adequate to the year's work there planned. We would also recommend that some expression of

sympathy and interest be extended to the Orphanage work by Woman's Missionary Societies.

Mrs. HARVEY CRIST.
Miss DRAUGHAN, Kinston.
Mrs. HOWARD, Salemburg.
Mrs. PULLIAM, Lenoir.
Mrs. HILL, Clyde.
Mrs. GRAYSON, Rutherfordton.
Miss BRIGHT, Murphy.
Mrs. WHITAKER, Biltmore.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

(Presented by Mrs. J. H. Tucker, Asheville.)

"We'll work 'till Jesus comes
And then be gathered home."

Year by year the reaper has come and gathered some of our band home.

You miss a face. I miss a face, but we know where they have gone—to our Father's own house.

During the last year the following names have been transferred from our roll to that roll up yonder:

Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Wadesboro, N. C.; Mrs. Sindie Crook, Mt. Gilead Church, Mills River, N. C.: Mrs. W. M. Vines, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Durham, N. C.

We miss them, but we know they await us over there.

We are traveling nome to God.
In the way our sisters trod.
They are happy now, and we
Soon their happiness shall see.

Mrs. PARROTT.
Mrs. TYREE.
Mrs. LOGAN.
Mrs. RICHARDSON.
Mrs. TUCKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

(Presented by Mrs. Morgan.)

In reviewing the work and results of the past year there is much for which to be thankful.

Recognizing the fact that overlooking all of our movements and the guidance in all our efforts there has been the watchful eye, the strong hand and the eternal love of our kind and merciful Father who has granted unto us during the past year an unprecedented degree of success; who has vouchsafed unto all of our Boards—State, Home and Foreign—such overflowing measures of success as has been enjoyed during the year; who has enabled us to increase our contributions above that of any previous year, and whose presence has been so strikingly revealed in a wonderful increase of spirituality among our Societies; to Him would we lift up our hearts and voices in songs of everlasting gratitude and praise, at the same time seeking for the more full

and complete surrender of ourselves to His will, and such a fullness of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost as shall constrain us to give not only our money but ourselves to the great work of giving Christ to the world.

Resolved, 1st, That we suggest to all our Societies the propriety of planning for a larger increase in contributions during the incoming year.

2nd, That we renew to the various Boards of the Baptist State Convention the assurance of our willingness to cooperate with them in all their work to the extent of our ability.

3d, That we tender to the kind people of Asheville our thanks for their kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our sojourn with them, and to our Methodist friends for the use of their church.

Mrs. YARBORO.
Mrs. HANKETS.
Mrs. JUSTICE.
Mrs. MORGAN.

The closing exercises consisted of a number of sentence prayers, resolves and hopes for nineteen hundred, and appropriate hymns.

The Ninth Annual Session of the W. M. Societies adjourned to meet in Raleigh, December, 1900.

YEARLY STATISTICS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$1,000.95
1887	1,718.46
1888	1,881.59
1889	1,940.40
1890	1,921.56
1891	3,128.14
1892	3,916.85
1893 (Centennial contribut'n included)	4,955.71
1894	2,374.97
1895	4,491.88
1896	3,969.54
1897	6,272.83
1898	6,893.00
1899	8,777.98
Total	53,442.86

Asssociations, Vice-Presidents and their Post-offices.	Letters Written.	Societies Visited.	Organized.
Atlantic, Miss E. A. Draughan, Kinston	88		
Buncombe, Mrs. George Yarborough, Asheville	50	2	2
Beulah, Miss Georgia Robertson, Yanceyville	36	4	1
Carolina, Miss Lida Carter, Angelina	8	1	
Central, Mrs. A. J. Ellis, Raleigh	18		4
Chowan, Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst, Elizabeth City			
Columbus, Mrs. Simms E. Memory, Whiteville			
Eastern, Mrs. Julia M. Jones, S. Washington	52		1
Green River, Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton	45	2	
Haywood, Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde	31	3	2
Kings Mountain, Mrs. L. K. Connelly, Shelby	24		
Liberty, Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington			
Little River, Miss Emma Kivett, Lillington	21		
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, Mrs. T. B. Rice, Lodo	6		1
Mt. Zion, Mrs. Lizzie Battle, Durham	21	3	
New Found, Mrs. M. T. Buckner, Owenby			
Pee Dee, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Wadesboro	28	7	
Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Harvey Crist, Salem	15		
Piedmont, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro	25		1
Raleigh, Mrs. John E. White, Cary	72		1
Robeson, Mrs. T. F. Toon, Lumberton	13	3	
Sandy Creek, Mrs. H. T. Chapin, Pittsboro	16	1	2
South River, Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg	101	13	6
Sandy Run, Mrs. E. J. Herring, Henrietta			
Tar River, Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Henderson	59	2	3
Tuckaseigee, Mrs. L. H. Harrington, Franklin			
Union, Mrs. D. A. Covington, Monroe	30		
Western Carolina, Miss Sallie Bright, Murphy			
West Chowan, Mrs. J. P. Holoman, Jackson	194	5	4

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SUMMARY.

Societies reporting in 1900	353
Societies organized	70
Total for 1899	$ 8,777.98
Total for 1900	9,710.84
Gain for 1900	932.86

Motto for 1901.—Knowledge of the Word, Consecration of Self, Zeal in Service.

Aim for 1901.—Fifty W. M. Societies; Fifty Children's Societies; Eleven Thousand Dollars.

	1899	1990
Foreign Miss., general work	$1,818.41	$2,111.33
Christmas Offering	646.65	707.74
Total	2,465.06	2,822.07
Home Miss.. general work	986.56	984.63
Value of boxes	2,955.30	3,440.06
Week of self-denial	628.41	549.57
Total	4,570.27	4,974.26
State Missions	1,448.93	1,619.81
Orphanage	235.97	122.64
Ministerial Relief, Min. Education, Sunday Schools and Expense Fund, etc	57.75	172.06
Total	8,777.98	9,710.84

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. Societies, and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an annual meeting. we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S., OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4 This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular annual meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

NOTE.—The Central Committee, consisting of thirteen ladies from Raleigh and the Association Vice-Presidents, are not appointed by the Annual Meeting, but by the State Board of Missions, which is appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The Central Committee is thus a Committee of the Convention, and as such reports to it, as well as to The Woman's Annual Meeting, each year. Officers of the Central Committee: President, Miss F. E. S. Heck; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Presbyterian church of Raleigh, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion on Thursday, December 6th, at 10 o'clock. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck presiding.

Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. D. Rich, of Winston.

Mrs. J. D. Boushall, of Raleigh, welcomed the delegates and visitors. Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, of Marshall, responded in their behalf.

Mrs. Harvey Crist, of Winston, was called to the chair, and presided during enrollment of delegates and election of officers for Annual Meeting.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Miss Florence Hubbard, Clinton; Mrs. John Overby, Flat River Association; Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde; Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Milton; Mrs. Marion Webb, Morehead City; Mrs. Meldona Livingstone, Union Mills; Mrs. J. F. Lanneau. Wake Forest; Miss Emma Dowell, Raleigh; Mrs. J. B. Caudle, Rockingham; Miss Mortie Elmore, Henderson; Miss Annie Perkins, Greenville; Mrs. James Gudger, Asheville; Miss Mary E. Neal, Reidsville; Miss Maud D. Davis, Morehead City; Mrs. J. M. Forehand, Ballard's Bridge; Miss Estelle Johnson, University; Mrs. A. C. Jordan, Siler City; Mrs. W. H. H. Lawhon, Sandy Creek Association;

Mrs. V. Dixon Sikes, Concord; Mrs. O. B. Foushee, Durham; Miss Annie Scarborough, Murfreesboro; Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; Mrs. S. D. Howell, Buckhorn; Mrs. Harry Burke, Statesville; Mrs. D. Rich, Rich, Winston; Mrs. T. N. Ivey, Raleigh; Miss M. Lizzie Mitchell, Aulander; Mrs. S. W. Oldham, Holly Springs; Miss Lily Morgan, Marshville; Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton; Mrs. L. W. Battle, Durham; Miss Dora Lloyd, Summerfield; Mrs. E. L. Reaves, Statesville; Mrs. E. L Middleton, Cary; Mrs. R. L. Tyson, Carthage; Mrs. G. L. Merrell, Hobgood; Miss Jessie Herren, Waynesville; Mrs. J. H. Dodson, Greensboro; Mrs. John K. Hankins, Lexington; Mrs. L. R. Pruitt, Charlotte; Mrs. Ina Huntley, Wadesboro; Miss Lilian Green, Louisburg; Mrs. Loula Davenport, Chowan; Mrs S. A. Howard, South River Association; Mrs. E. K. Howard, Oxford: Mrs. Harvey Crist, Salem; Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Mars Hill; Miss E. A. Draughn, Asheville; Mrs. S. A. Ives, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Mary Bonniwell, Hickory; Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Marion; Miss Josie Maddy, Seaboard Society; Mrs. W. S. Terrell, Warren Plains; Mrs. C. N. Cooper, Henderson; Miss Mittie Ellis, West Raleigh; Mrs. J. S. Abernethy, Marshall; Mrs. Annie E. Vaughan, Mt. Hermon; Miss Ella Early, Aulander; Miss Nannie Gaddy, Wadesboao; Miss Lizzie Brooks, Jonesboro; Miss J. M. Jones, Warsaw; Mrs. John Duckett, Lumberton; Mrs. Mills Justice, Rutherfordton; Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Raleigh; Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, Marshall; Mrs. Lacy Hogue, Concord; Mrs. May Wiles, Winston; Mrs. W. N. Johnson, Rocky Mount; Mrs. T. Brown, Mt. Tabor; Miss Susie Heck, Raleigh; Mrs. S. D. Petteway, Goldsboro;

Mrs. D. C. Britts, Pittsboro; Mrs. James S. Love, Wadesboro; Mrs. R. E. Meadows, Mt. Zion; Miss Hattie L. James, Ridgeway; Miss Marie E. Lankford, Wake Forest; Miss Loula Durham, Durham; Mrs. J. M. Hamric, Biltmore; Mrs. T. S. Sprinkle, Winston; Mrs A. F. Yates, Aberdeen; Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Dunn.

Election of officers for Annual Meeting resulted as follow: President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh; 1st Vice-President, Miss E. A. Draughn, Asheville; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. Rich, Winston; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Durham.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee, delivered her annual address. As the address, which contrasted the religious state of the world in 1800 and 1900, was illustrated by a large map so arranged as to change its appearance as the century advanced, and as without this aid Miss Heck deems the story would be very inadequately told, it is omitted at her earnest request. Below is given that part of the work of the Central Committee which is especially under her care:

New Societies	70
Letters written	2,766
Quarterly letters	2,000
Leaflets, minutes, blanks, etc., distrib'd	19,450

Towards the close of the year blanks for *Closing Century Statistics* were sent out, from which the following facts have been gleaned. In several instances the blanks were not entirely filled, so the figures below are not absolutely accurate:

Societies reporting statistics only	103
Female members connected with 103 churches	9,042
Members of 103 societies in these churches	2,479
Average monthly attendance on 103 societies	1,010
New Century meetings held by these societies	34
Members added by Forward Movement	149
New societies organized by Forward Movement	12
Missionary libraries purchased	12
Foreign Mission Journals taken by 103 societies	548

Mrs. W. N. Jones, Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee, presented the annual report as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT.

(For the year ending November 30, 1900.)

Motto for the year 1900.—Forward in Faith, Knowledge, and Works.

Aim.—$9,500, divided as follows: Foreign Missions, $3,000; Home Missions, $4,500; State Missions, $2,000.

How we have lived up to this motto and passed this high aim, the report given below will tell:

Ashe Association—

Beaver Creek	$19.35

Atlantic Association—

Middle Street, New Bern	96.65
Middle Street, New Bern, Sunbeams	23.30
Fort Barnwell	3.53

Tabernacle, New Bern	24.26
Swansboro	19.00
Swansboro Sunbeams	8.60
New Hope	4.00
Beaufort	11.06
Morehead City	1.85
	192.25

Beulah Association—

Providence	.50
Milton	19.58
Milton Sunbeams	3.28
Lea Bethel	9.36
Yanceyville	12.77
W. M. Society	4.57
Trinity	12.90
	62.96

Brunswick Association—

Antioch	2.00

Bladen Association—

Galleed	17.82
Abbottsburg	4.00
	21.82

Buncombe Association—

Asheville, First Church	380.30
Asheville, First Church, Sunbeams	40.58
Asheville, West End	109.09
Fairview	24.85
Cane Creek	16.00

Cane Creek Sunbeams	1.00
Sweeden Creek	8.85
Beaver Dam	20.00
Morgan Hill	6.83
Crayton Mission	15.81
Fern Hill	23.24
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Brown's Chapel	4.00
Antioch	8.65
Berea	6.05
Garrison's School House	3.00
Biltmore Sunbeams	.80
Fern Hill Sunbeams	.80
	671.85

Carolina Association—

Hendersonville	147.00
Fruitland	7.84
Pleasant Hill	1.70
Mt. Gilead	13.50
	170.04

Cape Fear Association—

Southport	23.31
Smyrna	2.00
Smyrna Sunbeams	2.47
Antioch	6.30
Bethel	14.25
	48.33

Columbus Association—

Whiteville	64.59
Whiteville Sunbeams	8.89

Griffin's X Roads	4.45
Chadbourn	15.45
	93.38
Caldwell Association—	
Lenoir	18.81
Lenoir L. A. M.	2.80
	21.61
Central Association—	
Youngsville	15.95
Raleigh, First Church	345.40
Raleigh, First Church Sunbeams	29.75
Raleigh, First Church Y. L. S.	28.27
West Raleigh	1.88
B. F. University	36.27
Rolesville	4.03
Rolesville Sunbeams	8.00
Wake Forest	229.93
Wake Forest Sunbeams	20.29
Mt. Vernon	5.30
Franklinton Sunbeams	6.64
Forestville	3.00
Forestville Sunbeams	5.64
Oak Grove	1.15
Brassfield's	1.75
Flat Rock	33.93
Harris Chapel	1.26
Youngsville Sunbeams	1.40
Perry's Chapel	3.00
Rocky Ford	.60
Perry's Chapel Sunbeams	3.48
Oak Ridge Sunbeams	2.25
	790.17

Cedar Creek Association—

Hope Mills No. 2	12.90
Hope Mills Sunbeams	1.80
Hope Mills No. 1	29.81
Green Springs	1.50
Cumberland Mission	3.40
Cape Fear	3.00
	52.41

Chowan Association—

Warwick	7.61
Middle Swamp	12.95
Cool Springs	14.97
Sawyer's Creek	67.10
Elizabeth City	158.54
Reynoldson	11.95
Reynoldson Sunbeams	6.70
Elizabeth City Sunbeams	10.09
	289.82

Eastern Association—

Wilmington, First Church	26.55
Wilmington, First Church Band	77.00
Mt. Olive	21.29
South Side, Wilmington	10.58
South Side, Wilmington, Sunbeams	19.55
Mt. Holly	3.01
Antioch	3.50
Lisbon	16.35
Lisbon Sunbeams	2.57
Kenansville	5.26
Kenansville Sunbeams	9.40
Warsaw	22.25

Corinth	6.15
Johnston	3.55
Clinton	38.10
Clinton Sunbeams	2.50
Bethel	1.84
	269.45
French Broad Association—	
Mars Hill	24.39
Marshall	2.50
	26.89
Flat River Association—	
Stovall	1.55
Mt. Zion	16.73
Mill Creek	4.36
Oxford	106.80
Oxford Sunbeams	32.00
Oxford Maggie Nutt Society	9.00
Florence Avenue	5.00
Island Creek	4.50
	179.94
Green River Association—	
Dysartsville	8.05
Rutherfordton	85.46
Rutherfordton Sunbeams	12.36
Round Hill	30.82
Marion	19.92
Bethel	10.02
Pleasant Hill	8.64
Montford Cove	16.67
Mt. Vernon	10.00
	201.94

Haywood Association—	
Rock Springs	11.30
Crabtree	1.18
Pleasant Hill	153.24
Waynesville	98.57
Waynesville Sunbeams	1.96
	266.25
Kings Mountain Association—	
Shelby	45.40
Shelby Sunbeams	8.95
New Bethel and Laundale	8.70
Cherryville	5.00
	68.05
Little River Association—	
New Hill	16.10
Dunn	21.35
Cumberland Union	3.80
	41.25
Liberty Association—	
Lexington	20.00
Orphanage, W. M. I.	2.40
	22.40
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—	
Tryon Street, Charlotte	168.20
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Y. L. S.	74.75
Twelfth Street, Charlotte, Sunbeams.	15.78
Willing Workers Concord	19.00
Concord	3.00
Friendship	2.50
	283.23

Mt. Zion Association—

Lystra	4.15
Burlington	13.00
Cedar Fork	45.00
Durham, First Church	276.22
Durham, First Church Sunbeams	20.63
Durham, Second Church	22.15
Chapel Hill	14.50
Graham	4.00
Mt. Gilead	12.70
	412.35

Neuse Association—

Kinston	185.15
Goldsboro	89.70
Goldsboro Sunbeams	10.50
Pollocksville	19.24
New Hope	6.75
Ayden	1.00
	312.34

New Found Association—

Macedonia	3.50

Pilot Mountain Association—

Waughtown	20.23
Madison	25.35
Leaksville	64.03
Leaksville Sunbeams	2.66
Winston, First Church	140.00
Winston, First Church Sunbeams	8.00
Winston, First Church Y. L. S.	18.50

Mt. Airy	16.00
Salem Mission	4.00
Salem Mission Sunbeams	1.50
Broad Street, Winston, Y. L. S.	2.40
	302.67

Pee Dee Association—

Lilesville Sunbeams	4.85
Laurinburg	124.62
Laurinburg Sunbeams	11.49
Laurinburg H. P. D. Band	20.06
Roberdel	14.71
Spring Hill	70.36
Spring Hill Sunbeams	6.68
Mt. Beulah	.75
Pee Dee	8.25
Wadesboro	112.85
Wadesboro Sunbeams	11.17
Wadesboro Band	13.91
Ansonville	17.94
Rockingham	63.01
Rockingham Sunbeams	10.50
Norwood	5.00
Spring Hill Y. L. S.	6.40
	502.55

Piedmont Association—

High Point	53.75
Reidsville	170.41
Greensboro, W. Washington Street	203.50
Greensboro, W. Washington Street Sunbeams	6.50
Greensboro, W. Washington Street, Y. L. S.	139.21

Greensboro, Busy Bee Band	23.75
Summerfield	43.15
Ramseur	15.65
	655.92

Raleigh Association—

Tabernacle, Raleigh	209.80
Leesville	24.30
Leesville Sunbeams	5.70
Apex	38.35
Apex Sunbeams	4.10
Mt. Hermon	17.90
Mt. Hermon Sunbeams	5.49
Selma	8.95
Inwood Sunbeams	2.00
Ephesus	4.50
Ephesus Sunbeams	8.00
Morrisville	63.67
Holly Springs	23.17
Holly Springs Sunbeams	3.93
Wakefield	10.00
Salem	2.10
Cary	116.00
Mt. Moriah	2.00
Green Level	16.96
	566.92

Robeson Association—

Rennert	17.00
Long Branch	15.70
Bear Swamp	37.86
Centerville	5.69
Red Springs Sunbeams	34.00

Cedar Grove	1.45
Maxton	9.71
Lumberton	137.82
Lumberton Sunbeams	11.02
Ashpole	24.40
Ashpole Sunbeams	6.03
Pleasant Hope	3.23
Raft Swamp	18.39
Back Swamp	20.04
Back Swamp Sunbeams	3.38
Big Branch	36.41
Saddle Tree	2.69
Antioch	3.00
Pleasant Hill	4.57
	392.39

Sandy Creek Association—

Pittsboro	64.78
Jonesboro	18.70
Aberdeen	17.75
Carthage	44.11
Carthage Sunbeams	11.17
Siler City	24.49
Siler City Sunbeams	7.15
Southern Pines	20.50
Dunn's	2.20
Tyson's Creek	1.90
Bethlehem	8.06
Carthage Y. L. S.	2.25
Bethlehem Sunbeams	2.45
	225.51

Sandy Run Association—

Immanuel	5.11
Henrietta	6.30
	11.41

South Fork Association—

Hickory	82.10

South River Association—

Mill Creek	3.96
Salem	35.90
Antioch	15.85
White Oak	17.01
Fayetteville	164.77
Fayetteville Sunbeams	6.15
Clement	1.85
Union	.60
Spring Branch	5.40
Pleasant Union	1.00
	252.49

South Yadkin Association—

Statesville	12.43
Statesville Sunbeams	1.00
Cleveland	2.50
	15.93

Tuckaseegee Association—

Webster	15.25
Corinth	3.53
	18.78

Tar River Association—

Henderson	75.38
Henderson Sunbeams	42.15
Wilson	32.89
Wilson Sunbeams	9.04
Louisburg	86.84
Louisburg Sunbeams	9.42
Rocky Mount	55.58
Warren Plains	5.90
Weldon	63.77
Poplar Springs	39.75
Poplar Springs Sunbeams	1.01
Scotland Neck	257.94
Scotland Neck Sunbeams	6.47
Hobgood	16.65
Middleburg	8.21
Sandy Creek	2.00
Williamston	18.81
Williamston Sunbeams	5.00
Gardner's	5.95
Greenville	29.31
Greenville Sunbeams	7.14
Enfield	5.72
Mt. Zion	3.20
Maple Springs	10.00
Washington	29.01
	827.14

Union Association—

Marshville	6.20
Waxhaw	14.47
Monroe	115.00
Wingate	4.38

Meadow Branch	12.00
Beaver Dam	2.85
	154.90

West Chowan Association

Mt. Tabor	47.70
Murfreesboro Sunbeams	19.50
Lawrence X Roads	8.75
Capeheart's	7.29
Kelford	10.00
Aulander	72.40
Aulander Sunbeams	17.67
Lewiston	9.89
Colerain Sunbeams	22.25
Buckhorn	190.22
Buckhorn Sunbeams	4.22
Cashie	7.82
Cashie Sunbeams	26.70
Potecasi	36.28
Union	6.75
Union Sunbeams	5.00
Meherrin Sunbeams	7.47
Hebron	12.75
Roanoke Sunbeams	11.64
Young Cadets, Roberts' Chapel	.50
Oak Grove	.25
Pleasant Grove	12.03
Chowan	82.75
Roberts' Chapel	5.27
Pine Forest	9.80
Elam	13.00
Holly Grove	1.30
Ahoskie	4.31

Ahoskie Sunbeams	2.05
Galatia	23.80
Holly Grove School House	17.09
Seaboard	9.80
Rich Square	4.55
Waxhaw	1.50
C. B. F. Institute	15.61
Brantley Grove	28.00
Mt. Carmel	8.00
	763.91

No Association given—

Winterville	2.00
A friend	10.00
Miss Lilly	2.50
Otter Creek	2.00
Mt. Moriah	3.00
Pleasant Hill	3.80
Antioch	3.00
Antioch	1.25
Mt. Zion	3.20
New Hope	2.75
Miss Draughan	10.00
Miss McCracken	5.00
Angeline	5.00
Katesville Sunbeams	2.70
	56.20
Total	9,351.40

Appropriated as follows:		
To Foreign Missions	$2,101.24	
To Christmas Offering	707.74	
Total for Foreign Missions		$2,808.98
To Home Missions	977.52	
To Self Denial Offering	549.57	
To Boxes	3,148.46	
Total for Home Missions..		4,675.55
To State Missions		1,577.17
To Orphanage		122.64
To Relief Fund		7.81
To Sunday Schools		108.66
To Seminary		1.95
To Education Board		9.34
To Expense Fund		2.58
To India Famine Sufferers ..		34.22
To Memorial Fund (Home Missions)		2.50
Total		9,381.40

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Charlotte, Mecklenburg & Cabarrus Asso.	$175.00
" Y. L. S , " " .	50.60
Mountain Creek, Green River Asso.....	2.10
Pleasant Hill, " " "	1.58
Maggie Nutt Society, Oxford, Flat River Asso.....	39.60
Lisbon Sunbeams, Eastern Asso..... ...	5.82
First Ch. Wilmington, " "	14.40

Red Springs Sunbeams, Robeson Asso...	1.12
Durham, Second Church, Mt. Zion Asso,	37.00
Mt. Olive, Eastern Asso	5.25
Rolesville Sunbeams, Central Asso	2.25
C. B. F. Institute, W. Chowan Asso	8.30
L. A. S., First Church, Asheville, Buncombe Asso	2.65
L. A. S., Roberts' Chapel, West Chowan Asso	.85
Lumberton, Robeson Asso	5.00
Flat Rock, Central Asso	7.92
	359.44
Grand total for Foreign Missions	2,822.07
Total for Home Missions, $984.63	
" " Self-denial Fund 549.57	
" " Boxes 3,440.06	
" " Home Missions	4,974.26
" " State Missions	1,619.81
" " Sunday Schools	108.66
" " Orphanage	122.64
Students' Aid Fund	5.00
Ministerial Education	9.34
Ministerial Relief Fund	7.81
Seminary	1.95
Expense Fund	2.58
India Famine Sufferers	34.22
Memorial Fund, Home Missions	2.50
	9,710.84

Of this amount the Sunbeams contributed:

Foreign Missions	$338.23	
Christmas Offering	11.03	
		349.26
Home Missions	105.23	
Self-denial	24.53	
Boxes	175.80	
		305.56
State Missions		148.81
Orphanage		1.95
Sunday Schools		23.72
Grand total		829.30

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. N. JONES, *Cor. Sec.*

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Band Superintendent of the Central Committee, reported the Children's Mission Work as follows:

It is natural that, at the close of each year, we should compare the work done with that of other years, as this is our only means of measuring growth. Yet it is almost impossible, in the little particulars, to get a comparison of the children's work. It can only be made in a general way.

One of the suggestions for 1900 was, that the Sunbeams observe a month of Self-denial for Home Missions during the second quarter. The Star Cards were offered for use at this time, and a number of the Bands wrote for them, and they seem to have added to the children's interest in saving their pennies.

The Bands added to our roll this year number 13. Although this lacks 4 of coming up to last year's additions, we are glad that our ranks are

swelling. Indeed, we feel that we are quite a little army when we count up 111 Bands enrolled on our books.

During the year just past, your Band Superintendent has written 384 letters. I wish to thank the Bands for the many kind replies which have come to me from them. They have proved one of the chief sources of pleasure aud encouragement during the year.

It is a source of regret to me that I am unable personally to visit the Bands, but so far this pleasure has been denied me.

But the very best part of our report I have been saving until now, because it makes me so happy hat I would certainly have forgotten everything else if I had begun with it. It is the financial report of the Sunbeams for 1900. You know our report last year was $525.33, and we decided this year to work hard for $700. Now is it not grand beyond measure to hear that the Sunbeams have in 1900 given $829! Eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars!! Isn't it good to say this over and over? Eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars—one hundred and twenty more than we had hoped for, and two hundred and ninety-five more than last year. I wish every Sunbeam in the State could stand here with me this morning and give three round cheers for their year's work.

From this encouraging report, we turn to the great topic which has been agitated so constantly since the summer months, the plan of having a North Carolina Sunbeam missionary This is the biggest thing the Baptist children of our State have ever attempted, and I believe with all my heart that they are going to make an immense success of it.

The pledges so far have amounted to $337. Most of them were received late, and so we have had no communication with Dr. Willingham about the special missionary to be given us. but these arrangements will be made at the earliest date possible. As the plans are perfected they will be announced in our Children's Corner of the *Biblical Recorder*, and also through letters to the Bands.

Will not each of you tell the children how well they have done, and whisper to them that their Central Committee believe, with the help of the new Bands, that are surely coming in this year, that their next report is coming up to $1.000. This seems a large amount to the children, yet it is only $120 more than they gave this year. One hundred and twenty more, with the aid of our new Bands and with a real missionary of our own to take care of, of course we can do it, and what we can do this year we are going to do.

The following committees were appointed:

Plans of Work.—Miss E. A. Draughan, Mrs. Hoge, Mrs. Hill, Mrs Crist, Mrs. Battle. Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. White, Mrs. Royall, Miss J. Jones.

Obituaries.—Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. Oldham, Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs Dodson, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Sprinkle.

Motto.—Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. Purefoy, Mrs Webb, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Hankins, Mrs. Davenport.

Resolutions.—Mrs. E. D. Sikes, Mrs. Brown, Miss L. Mitchell, Mrs. Lawhon, Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. E S. Reaves, Mrs. E. L Middleton, Mrs. McRay, Mrs. Forehand, Mrs. Lightfoot.

The Associational Vice-Presidents who were in attendance on the meeting reported as follows :

MRS. L. N. CHAPPELL. Beulah.—In the ten churches of Beulah there are only four societies, in which are about twenty-nine women struggling against want of encouragement and sometimes open opposition from pastors, the impoverished state of the country, and scattered membership. The urgent needs are pastoral help, leaders among older women, Christian education for the younger women, and special training for all our missionary workers to fit them for better service.

MISS E. A. DRAUGHAN, Buncombe.—I left the annual meeting last year as Vice-President of the new Neuse Association in the far east. God sent me to Asheville, and caused me to sit still and be patient until August. Then I took up the work of this western Association. Six societies and several churches were represented at the Associational missionary meeting, and I came home deeply impressed with the great work to be done among the women of my Association. In October, Mr. Vines, the pastor of the First Church of Asheville, and I made a Gospel Rally tour through the Association, visiting sixteen churches and reaching representatives of several others. I organized three societies, and at every church, but one, the women promised to do all they could for missions.

In the First Church, Asheville, the program for a week of prayer for the new century movement was arranged by the W. M. Society. A number were converted, and $375 was given to Foreign Missions. The society is conducting four cottage prayer-meetings every Tuesday afternoon,

and another will be arranged next week. There are thirteen societies in the Buncombe Association, all of which, with one exception, have reported to me during the last quarter.

MRS. B. F. HILL, Haywood Association —The Haywood societies and bands have given $266.25 for missions this year, and I believe we are on the eve of an era of larger things for missions. An interesting Association meeting was held, and a delightful all-day meeting, in connection with a fifth Sunday service.

MRS. W. B. ROYALL, Central Association.—Delighted in the fact that the Annual Meeting met again in the midst of her field. While organization had not characterized the year in the Central, there had been growth in membership and interest, not only in the town but in the country churches as well.

MRS. J. A. GRAYSON, Green River.—Green River lies among the foot-hills of the mountains, and in this territory J. C. Sorrell, lately passed away, did his great mission work. There are fourteen societies in the Association, including two Sunbeams Most of them are small numerically, but, as is usually the case, are composed of the most active, earnest women in their respective churches. They are moving forward slowly, but surely. At the Association meeting every active society was reported, and nearly all reported larger gifts. If we are ever tempted to be discouraged, remember that each society is bringing Christians to a plainer view of their world-wide duty.

MRS. LACY HOGE, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, had been prevented by sickness from active work,

and must report largely a year of omission. Concord and Charlotte were, however, moving forward, and other fields, she trusted, would be reached in 1901.

MRS. L. W. BATTLE, Mount Zion, wished she might report such progress in all the churches as was visible in the churches in Durham. She was pleased to report a new society in the East Durham church. She prescribed for a languishing society a box packing. If that does not bring it to life, she said, then bury it. It's dead.

MISS J. JONES, of the Eastern, had also one new society to report. This Association had, like several others, determined to support, as an additional gift, a native worker.

MRS. HARVEY CRIST, Pilot Mountain,—As much of this territory had been under anti-missionary influence, it had been difficult for Woman's Work to get a foothold, but in the older churches of Leaksville, Mt. Airy and Winston W. M. Societies have for many years been doing a good work. To these others are added year by year. A helpful Association meeting was held with the Leaksville church, while the larger part of the societies have been visited by the Vice-President during the year. Could the work being done by the societies at Winston and Leaksville for the factory population near them be properly added to their reports, they would be greatly increased.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD, South River.—This Association is twenty-four years old. It was organized with nine churches, and now has thirty-two, fourteen of which were organized by the efforts of the Association Mission Board. Four years ago Woman's Mission Work began in the Associa-

tion by the organization of the W. M. S. at Salemburg church. There are now thirteen societies. Fayetteville, Salem and White Oak have decided to give $40 for the support of a native worker. During the year your Vice-President has written ninety-two letters and made eight visits. An Associational and fifth Sunday union missionary meeting was held. Four societies, if not more, have held New Century meetings. Several societies have been organized, and all, I trust, are ready for greater things in the first year of the new century.

MRS. JOHN E. WHITE, Raleigh Association, now gives up her work, as she goes to another State. Nineteen societies in her Association have reported this year $566.92.

MRS. HARVEY HATCHER, of Georgia, led in prayer, after which the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, December 6.

Meeting was called to order, and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung. Miss Miller, of Shaw University, led in prayer.

Miss Sarah Barrows, long a missionary to Burmah under the Northern Baptist Board, on the same field in which Judson labored, spoke of the women of India.

The report of the Volunteer Teachers' Work for the Summer of 1900 was read as follows:

Schools taught, 16.
Enrollment, 772.

Average enrollment per school, 48⅜.

Average attendance per school, 30.

Location of schools (eight counties): Cherokee, Alexander, Madison, Buncombe, Alleghany, Ashe, Wake and Wilkes.

Total traveling expenses of 17 Volunteers, $262.77; average per teacher, $15.45. (Two of the ladies who left home were prevented by sufficient reasons from organizing schools, and one taught near her own home, thus costing the Board nothing.)

Distribution of leaflets; 1,500 religious tracts, and a large number of papers, magazines, etc.

Appreciation of work done is shown by the fact that in almost every instance teachers were urged to remain and take the public schools. In one case four such schools were offered.

Almost without exception the communities in which the schools were taught request schools next year. Every indication points to the fact that a very large number of places will apply for schools next summer.

Miss E. S. Young, Miss Julia Jones, Miss Kate Leary and Miss Maud Burke, Volunteer Teachers in the summer of 1900, told of their work.

Mrs. Hudgins, of Marshall, and Miss Draughan, of Asheville, expressed their belief in the possibilities of the Volunteer Movement.

Drs. Willingham, Frost and Skinner and Mr. J. E. White were invited to address the meeting, Dr. Willingham acting as chairman, during *An Hour with the Secretaries.*

Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Sunday School Board, spoke of his work. Mr. J. E. White, Sec-

retary of the State Board of Missions, of Woman's Power in State Missions.

At the conclusion of Mr. White's address Miss Fannie Heck, in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Societies presented him with a clock as a farewell token of love and appreciation for the "best friend of the Woman's Missionary work in North Carolina."

Mr. White accepted the gift in a few words of deep feeling.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

Dr. T. E. Skinner addressed the meeting.

Dr. R. J. Willingham spoke of Woman's Influence for Missions in the Home.

After singing "In the cross of Christ I glory," and benediction by Mr. White, the audience repaired to the Sunday School room of the church where an informal reception was tendered to the Secretaries and Vice-Presidents. Souvenir programs of the occasion, adorned with a miniature map of the world, were presented to the guests, while a large and interesting loan collection of missionary curios was opened for their inspection.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

Friday, December 7.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

Miss Maud Reid, of Raleigh, led the devotional exercises.

Dr. F. H. Kerfoot spoke of Home Missions.

Minutes of Thursday read and approved.

Mrs. O. B. Foushee, of Durham, presented address on Woman's Progress in the Nineteenth Century.

Mrs. W. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, welcomed the Baptist ladies in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of he Presbyterian Church, in which they met.

Mrs. W. D. Hubbard, of Raleigh, on behalf of the Woman's Central Committee, presented their recommendations for the year 1901 as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1901.

Deeply conscious of the great responsibilities which devolve upon us as individuals as we enter the 20th century, yet confident that He who has used us in His work in the past will still more largely use us if we yield ourselves entirely to His service, the Central Committee would recommend for the work of the year 1901 the following:

1. That throughout the first year of the new century we continue the Forward Movement each society making unremitting effort to increase its membership, to have connected with itself a children's branch, and to organize societies in neighboring churches. That for this purpose a corps of volunteer organizers be called for, each such volunteer pledging herself to visit and endeavor to organize societies in at least three churches during the incoming year.

2. That the societies observe again this year the Christmas Offering and the Week of Prayer for Missions, the Week of Self-denial and Prayer for Home Missions, the Thanksgiving day in July for

State Missions, and use their influence towards the observance by our Sunbeam bands and Sunday Schools of Bible and Sunday School Mission days.

3. That Mr. T. C. Britton, of Soochow, China, and Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, China, be our Yates Memorial Missionaries, the sum of $1,000 being our Christmas Offering for their support.

4. That in grateful acknowledgment of the hearty reception and great success attending the work of the Volunteer Teachers in their first summer's work, we treble the number of workers in 1901, calling for at least fifty duly recommended teachers of ability, experience and consecration, who for two months will conduct summer schools in destitute places, teaching the Bible and elementary studies, receiving for their services only their board and traveling expenses.

5. That special emphasis be laid upon the purchase and perusal of missionary books, and continued effort be made to still further widen the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field*, *Kind Words*, and our State denominational papers.

6. That while we note with gratitude the close relations between Societies and the Associational Vice-Presidents, we still urge upon the former to communicate regularly with these officers at least once a quarter, sending them duplicate copies of the quarterly report sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee and also assisting them in the maintenance of an Associational Meeting.

7. That in view of the increase in the work and gifts of the Women's and Children's Societies con-

nected with the Baptist churches of North Carolina we, their representatives, take the following as our determined aims for the first year of the new century:

(1) The organization of fifty Women's Missionary Societies.

(2) The organization of fifty Children's Societies.

(3) The giving of the sum of $10,500.00.

Discussion of the clauses of the recommendations was opened by the following ladies:

The Forward Movement—Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro. In Mrs. Henry's absence her paper was read by Mrs. Gudger, of Asheville.

Special Offerings—Mrs. T. S. Sprinkle, Winston.

Our Memorial Missionaries—Mrs. G. L. Hamrick, Biltmore.

Mrs. George Green, of Canton, China, spoke of New Duties in China.

Our Volunteer Teachers—Mrs. J. L. Morgan, of Marion, followed by Mrs. Woodall, of Mars Hill; Mrs. Hlil, of Clyde; Mrs. Hudgins, Miss Draughan and others.

Missionary Literature—Mrs. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte.

On *Our Determined Aim* ten ladies spoke for one minute each.

On motion of Mrs. Battle the last clause of the recommendations was amended to read: "The giving the sum of $11.000.00."

Six ladies volunteered for Organizers' Corps, promising to endeavor to organize three societies each during the coming year.

Six young ladies offered themselves as Volunteer Teachers for the summer of 1901.

Miss Draughan led in prayer for blessing on the year's work.

The recommendations of the Central Committee were adopted unanimously, on motion of Mrs. Hudgins.

The report of the Committee on Plans of Work, presented by Miss Draughan, was adopted, and is as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We urge Baptist women to appeal to the Christian women of the State in behalf of the factory workers and the restriction of child labor to fewer hours in order that they may have more time for study, and that their lives be not completely stunted and crushed mentally, morally and physically.

2. Feeling sure that the time has come for the work among the colored sisters to be taken up by the Woman's Missionary Society, we urge that this work be a part of our Forward Movement for the 20th century.

3. We would place especial emphasis upon the Volunteer Movement, and, as Vice-Presidents, we pledge our most earnest efforts and hearty support to the Central Committee in this work.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by Mrs. C. E. Taylor and adopted, and is as follows:

The Woman's Missionary Society at Wake Forest mourns the loss of Mrs. John M. Brewer, who passed from earth to heaven within the past year.

She was the only child of Dr. Waite, the first President of Wake Forest. In her childhood Yates, Skinner and others eminent in usefulness were students of the Institution. She watched its growth from the time the one central building afforded ample accommodations for the fifty students till it reached its present proportions. One after another of her sons graduated and went forth to fill positions of influence, and the youngest of them now most ably fills the Chair of Chemistry. Of her it might be truly said, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, he praiseth her" In the community the influence of her beautiful and noble life will long be felt. The summons to come up higher came suddenly but it found her ready. "Being dead she yet speaketb."

The Woman's Missionary Society of Hickory was last year called to part with their most efficient Secretary, Mrs. E. A. McRary. Then their beloved President, Mrs. T. J. Wiggs, was called up higher. They deeply feel their affliction, but know that "He doeth all things well."

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Church, Durham, laments the death of Mrs. J. M. Pollard.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Youngsville reports: "We were last year deprived of a beloved and useful member, our sister Mrs. Wiley Riddick, one whose influeuce was felt in every department of Christian service. Her life was 'a living epistle, known and read of all men'"

The Society at Salem, South River, mourns the death of Mrs. Lela C. Duncan, its first Secretary, while the Henderson Society has lost a faithful member in Miss Pattie Lewis.

The report of the Motto Committee was presented by Mrs. W. A. Gwaltney, of Hickory, and adopted, as follows:

Motto for the year 1901: *Knowledge of the Word, Consecration of Self, Zeal in Service.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted, as follows:

Resolved 1. That we return thanks to the ladies of Raleigh for their cordial hospitality to us during the Convention.

Resolved 2. To the stenographer, who has so kindly given us her valuable time during our meeting.

Resolved 3. To the members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their comfortable building.

Resolved 4. To our beloved President, who has so ably presided over the meetings and contributed so much to the pleasure of both delegates and visitors.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

As a parting song, Mrs. T. S. Sprinkle sang "The Home of the Soul."

Miss Sarah Barrow, Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. Hudgins led in prayer.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the Tenth Annual Meeting adjourned to meet in Winston Thursday after the first Sunday in December, 1901.

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SUMMARY.

Societies reporting in 1901.....	360
Societies organized	78

Total reported by Societies in 1899....	$8,777.98
Total reported by Societies in 1900....	9,710.84
Total reported by Societies in 1901....	9,766.36

Motto for 1902.—Persistence in Prayer, Preparation, Propagation.

Aim for 1902.—One hundred new Societies; eleven thousand dollars for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FOR 1900 AND 1901.

	1900.	1901.
To Foreign Missions	$2,111.33	$2,303.00
To Christmas Offering	707.74	812.21
Total Foreign Missions	2,822.07	3,115.21
Home Missions	$284.63	$1,023.68
Week of Self-denial	549.57	613.40
Value of Boxes	3,440.06	2,374.58
Total Home Missions	4,974.26	4,011.66
State Missions	$1,619.81	$1,844.95
Volunteer Fund		277.83
Total State Missions	1,619.81	2,121.78

Orphanage	$122.64	$131.13
Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools and Churches	172.06	90.35
Total	9,710.84	9,766.36

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$1,000.95
1887	1,718.46
1888	1,881.59
1889	1,940.40
1890	1,921.56
1891	3,128.14
1892	3,916.85
1893 (centennial contribution included)	4,955.71
1894	2,374.97
1895	4,491.88
1896	3,969.54
1897	6,272.83
1898	6,893.00
1899	8,777.98
1900	9,710.84
1901	9,766.36
Total	72,920.06

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. Societies, and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an Annual Meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-

Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular Annual Meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

NOTE.—The Central Committee, consisting of thirteen ladies from Raleigh, and the Association Vice-Presidents, is not appointed by the Annual Meeting, but by the State Board of Missions, which is appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The Central Committee is thus a committee of the Convention, and as such reports to it, as well as to The Woman's Annual Meeting, each year. The officers of the Central Committee are: President, Miss F. E. S. Heck; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. N. Jones; Band Superintendent, Miss E. N. Briggs, Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the First Presbyterian Church of Winston on Thursday, December 6th, at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck presiding.

Opening devotional exercises, of which the key-thought was Consecration, were participated in by a number of ladies. Miss Maria Vogler, of Moravian Church, Salem, spoke of the oldest W. M. S. Missionary Society in North Carolina, which is soon to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Mrs. D. Rich, of Winston-Salem, welcomed the delegates and visitors. Miss E. A. Draughn, of Asheville, responded for Western; Mrs. L. N. Chappell, of Graham, for Central, and Mrs. H. L. Grant, of Goldsboro, for Eastern North Carolina.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Mrs. E. W. Timberlake, Louisburg; Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro; Mrs. J. A. Dodson, Greensboro; Mrs. A. A. Hanna, Mt. Airy; Mrs. A. F. Yates, Aberdeen; Mrs. Edwin Reaves, Statesville; Mrs. S. G. Hall, Wilmington; Mrs. J. H. Tucker, Asheville; Miss E. A. Draughn, Asheville; Miss Cora Brown, Statesville; Mrs.

Lucretia Blalock, Ledger; Mrs. C. J. D. Parker, Durham; Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh; Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh; Miss Susie Heck, Raleigh; Miss Susan Clark, Raleigh; Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Raleigh; Mrs. J. J. Riddick, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Minnie Jones, Winston-Salem; Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; Mrs. John Webb, Oxford; Mrs. S. D. Swaim, Mocksville; Mrs. A. L. Betts, Eastern Association, Warsaw; Miss Dora Lloyd, Summerfield; Mrs. Petty, High Point; Mrs. M. A. Laughenour, Lewisville; Mrs. R. C. Charles, High Point; Mrs. G. W. Green, Mocksville; Mrs. J. M. Currin, Oxford; Miss Amanda Cheek, Durham; Mrs. W. H. Rich, Lexington; Miss Julia Brown, Hamptonville; Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh; Miss Rosa Broughton, Raleigh; Mrs. C. L. Pinkston, Mt. Airy; Mrs. D. F. King, Leaksville; Mrs. W. H. H. Lawhon, Sandy Creek Association; Miss Georgia Robertson, Yanceyville; Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Mars Hill; Mrs. C. S. Cashwell, Green River Association; Mrs. C. L. Greaves, Rockingham; Mrs. M. C. Workman, Greensboro; Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, Marshall; Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Graham; Miss Janie E. Taylor, Wake Forest; Mrs. M. V. Follett, Durham; Mrs. L. R. Pruitt, Charlotte; Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Durham; Miss Lou Baity, Statesville; Mrs. E. H. Wren, Mt. Airy; Miss Mary E. Neal, Reidsville; Mrs. S. H. Cannady, Oxford; Miss Florence Trogden, Leaksville; Miss King Lindsay, Jerusalem Church; Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Oxford; Mrs. A. T. Cotton, Morrisville; Mrs. Geo. E. Nissen, Waughtown; Miss Imogene Tuck, Vir-

gilina, Va.; Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, Cleveland Mills; Mrs. S. F. Conrad, Charlotte; Mrs. Springs Conrad, Lewisville; Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson, Winston-Salem; Miss Willie Hawkins, Winston-Salem; Miss Minnie Miller, Winston-Salem; Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem.

Election of officers for the Annual Meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. C. Murchison, of Greensboro, with the following results:

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, President; Miss E. A. Draughn, First Vice-President, and Mrs. Harvey Crist, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. N. Jones, Treasurer, and Mrs. D. Rich, Recording Secretary.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, delivered the annual address. Subject, "The Missionary Hope."

Below is given the summary of that part of the work of the Central Committee:

Committee especially under the care of Miss Heck.

New Societies, 78; letters written, 2,971; quarterly letters, 2,000; leaflets, minutes, blanks, etc., distributed, 18,770.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Central Committee, spoke on "Woman's Part in the Mission Work of the State and Southern Baptist Convention," and presented the following annual report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS, 1901.

Ashe and Alleghany Association—

Beaver Creek $1.08

Atlantic Association—

Middle Street, New Bern	$99.46
Middle Street, New Bern, Sunbeams.	7.07
Tabernacle, New Bern	28.80
Tabernacle, New Bern, Sunbeams...	18.68
Swansboro	32.62
Swansboro, Sunbeams	8.76
Fort Barnwell	3.00
Morehead City	56.91
Beaufort	6.75
Tabernacle, New Bern, Y. L. S.	1.10
	263.15

Beulah Association—

Lea Bethel	13.59
Yanceyville	10.65
Trinity	6.93
Shiloh	8.95
	40.12

Brunswick Association—

Antioch	11.53
Bethel	10.15
Southport	10.24
	31.92

Bladen Association—

Galeed	26.15
Abbottsburg	4.65
French's Creek	5.70
	36.50

Buncombe Association—

Asheville, First Church	$413.56
Asheville, First Church, Sunbeams	60.53
Asheville, West End	32.22
Cane Creek	10.45
Morgan Hill	2.77
Garrison School-House	9.00
Macedonia Church	6.21
White Rock	1.00
Beaver Dam	17.91
Pleasant Hill	19.00
Antioch	11.42
Fern Hill	13.00
Berea	5.50
Cane Creek, Sunbeams	1.00
	611.57

Carolina Association—

Hendersonville	98.45
Pleasant Hill	5.90
Mt. Gilead	1.50
Mills River	8.85
Fruitland	3.09
Riverside	4.30
Ebenezer	1.00
	123.09

Caldwell Association—

Lenoir	6.15

Cape Fear and Columbus Association—

Smyrna, Sunbeams	7.50
Whiteville	17.40

Griffin's Cross-Roads	$1.08
Chadbourne	6.30
Whiteville, Sunbeams	.36
	32.72

Cedar Creek Association—

Rockfish	51.06
Green Springs	3.00
Hope Mills	7.62
Cape Fear	5.00
Great Marsh	2.20
	68.88

Chowan Association—

Cool Springs	13.52
Middle Swamp	17.00
Sawyer's Creek	5.00
Elizabeth City	72.78
Reynoldson	14.55
Edenton	10.00
	132.85

Central Association—

Youngsville	20.05
Youngsville, Sunbeams	6.00
Raleigh First Church	431.79
Raleigh First Church, Y. L. S.	29.49
Raleigh First Church, Sunbeams	30.32
Rolesville	5.48
Wake Forest	241.22
Wake Forest, Sunbeams	8.99
Mt. Vernon	15.24
Bethlehem	7.20

Wake Forest, Y. L. S.	$17.12
B. F. University	28.86
Rolesville, Sunbeams	10.68
Oak Grove, Sunbeams	4.75
Perry's Chapel	3.91
Perry's Chapel, Sunbeams	5.03
Rocky Ford	1.65
Flat Rock	17.16
Caraleigh	8.15
	893.09

Eastern Association—

Wilmington, First Church	71.37
Wilmington, Sunbeams	95.00
Warsaw	27.95
Clinton	11.55
Lisbon, Sunbeams	1.47
Johnston	9.04
Corinth	7.08
Willing Workers, Southside, Wilmington	59.58
Clinton, Sunbeams	7.60
Mt. Olive	12.38
Wilmington, Southside	16.50
Kenansville, Sunbeams	.78
Clinton, Y. L. S.	3.60
	323.90

Flat River—

Mt. Zion	29.32
Mill Creek	11.50
Oxford	128.80
Oxford, Maggie Nutt Society	67.65

Roxboro	$19.05
Oxford, Sunbeams	25.00
Florence Avenue, Virgilina	7.63
Mt. Zion, Sunbeams	3.68
	292.63

French Broad Association—

Mars Hill	40.16
Marshall	6.30
Bull Creek	1.56
	48.02

Green River Association—

Rutherfordton	72.67
Rutherfordton, Sunbeams	9.95
Round Hill	35.50
Marion	27.40
Pleasant Hill	12.04
Montford Cove	60.00
Mt. Vernon	12.60
Mountain Creek	15.65
Dysartsville	9.64
Bethel	17.25
Clear Creek	3.00
Chapel Hill	5.00
	236.70

Haywood Association—

Pleasant Hill	129.50
Waynesville, Sunbeams	3.00
Waynesville	117.42
	249.92

Kings Mountain—

Shelby	$69.10
Shelby, Sunbeams	1.00
Shelby, Y. L. S.	10.00
New Bethel	5.00
Cherryville	4.00
	89.10

Little River Association—

New Hill	13.25
Dunn	11.75
Buie's Creek	1.48
	26.48

Liberty Association—

Lexington	25.15
Orphanage, W. M. S.	12.80
Holloway's	5.00
	42.95

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association—

Tryon Street, Charlotte	326.51
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Y. L. S.	200.07
Concord, Sunbeams	3.50
Olivet	2.00
Miss Price	1.00
Twelfth Street, Charlotte, Sunbeams.	10.00
Friendship	7.50
Pleasant Union	.24
	550.82

Liberty and Ducktown Association—

Pleasant Hill	2.16

Mt. Zion—

Durham, First Church	$199 86
Durham, First Church, Sunbeams	42.19
East Durham	8.56
Chapel Hill, Sunbeams	5.75
Graham	38.09
Mt. Gilead	13.55
Burlington	18.25
Cedar Fork	19.57
Lystra	17.36
Durham, Second Church	99.94
Chapel Hill	11.00
Graham, Sunbeams	2.95
Williams Chapel	4.00
Lystra, Sunbeams	1.30
Mebane	2.00
West Durham	4.50
Mt. Gilead, Sunbeams	.75
	532.21

Neuse Association—

Kinston	214.95
Goldsboro	109.70
Pollocksville	12.60
Kinston, Y. L. S.	2.15
Goldsboro, Sunbeams	22.19
Fort Barnwell	6.00
Fort Barnwell, Sunbeams	1.00
Castoria	2.45
	371.04

Pilot Mountain—

Leaksville	71.67
Leaksville, Sunbeams	7.16

Winston, First Church	$149.40
Mt. Airy	27.60
Salem, Mission Sunbeams	10.25
Mt. Airy, Sunbeams	3.25
Winston, First Church, Y. L. S.	16.50
Winston, Broad Street	36.50
Waughtown	19.18
Waughtown, Y. L. S.	2.25
Madison	12.15
Winston, First Church, Sunbeams	25.00
Lewisville	3.55
Mayodan, Sunbeams	1.00
	385.46

Pee Dee Association—

Lilesville, Sunbeams	2.17
Laurinburg	62.05
Laurinburg, Sunbeams	15.00
Roberdel	15.10
Spring Hill	25.13
Spring Hill, Sunbeams	16.25
Pee Dee	12.80
Wadesboro	144.35
Rockingham	60.89
Wadesboro, Sunbeams	3 25
Ansonville	24.75
Wadesboro, Girls' Band	21.40
Rocky River	2.00
Spring Hill, Y. L. S.	9.05
Rockingham, Sunbeams	22.80
	436.99

Piedmont Association.—

Reidsville	121.20

Greensboro, West Washington Street	$179.35
Greensboro, West Washington Street, Boys' Band	11.00
Greensboro, West Washington Street, Y. L. S.	97.09
Greensboro, West Washington Street, B. B. Band	29.20
Liberty	2.13
High Point	51.10
Ramseur, Sunbeams	.78
Reidsville, Sunbeams	.95
Summerfield	4.35
	497.15

Raleigh Association—

Tabernacle, Raleigh	314.70
Leesville	13.90
Leesville, Sunbeams	2.58
Mt. Hermon	15.00
Mt. Hermon, Sunbeams	2.45
Ephesus, Sunbeams	3.43
Holly Springs	19.88
Cary	121.55
Tabernacle, Y. L. S.	38.74
Apex	49.75
Holly Springs, Sunbeams	1.07
Raleigh, Third Church, Sunbeams	5.25
Morrisville	60.29
Ephesus	1.50
Inwood	6.20
Cary, Sunbeams	5.00
Wakefield	12.30
Garner	1.50
Clayton	6.35

Selma, Sunbeams	$1.50
Apex, Sunbeams	1.34
	684.28

Robeson Association—

Long Branch	8.00
Bear Swamp	14.05
Red Springs, Sunbeams	7.24
Lumberton	201.71
Lumberton, Sunbeams	13.64
Ashpole	22.20
Ashpole, Sunbeams	9.74
Raft Swamp	28.58
Pleasant Hill	21.66
Lumber Bridge	20.15
Centerville	4.75
Spring Hill	1.00
Lumber Bridge, Sunbeams	8.00
Pleasant Hope	3.25
Fair Bluff	2.90
Saddle Tree	5.46
Big Branch	10.00
Antioch	.76
Raft Swamp, Sunbeams	1.21
	384.30

Sandy Creek Association—

Pittsboro	72.09
Jonesboro	27.49
Aberdeen	34.50
Carthage	81.70
Siler City	39.05
Southern Pines	13.75
Bethlehem	7.30

Pittsboro, Sunbeams	$2.82
Carthage, Sunbeams	1.50
Bear Creek	4.23
Reeves' Chapel	2.23
Siler City, Sunbeams	1.50
Cameron	10.35
Gum Springs	3.30
	299.81

Sandy Run Association—

Henrietta	6.65
Immanuel	19.55
	26.20

South Fork Association—

Hickory	28.29
McAdensville	17.90
Hickory, Sunbeams	.55
	46.74

South River Association—

Salemburg	19.08
Antioch	21.78
White Oak	19.15
Fayetteville	80.21
Pleasant Union	.70
Salemburg, Sunbeams	1.61
Spring Hill	4.85
Spring Branch	11.00
Massey Hill	3.15
Autryville	2.53
	154.06

Stanly Association—

Norwood	$14.75

South Yadkin Association—

Cleveland	4.20
Statesville	39.06
Mocksville	10.12
Jerusalem	7.60
Statesville, Sunbeams	5.00
Statesville, Second Church	3.00
Statesville,Second Church, Sunbeams	8.70
	77.68

Tar River Association—

Henderson	78.15
Henderson, Sunbeams	49.50
Wilson	80.30
Louisburg	128.11
Louisburg, Sunbeams	6.73
Rocky Mount	33.60
Poplar Springs	24.75
Hobgood	18.05
Sandy Creek	12.80
Gardner's	2.00
Greenville	27.88
Greenville, Sunbeams	15.24
Enfield	4.00
Springhope	13.34
Weldon	88.04
Scotland Neck	264.62
Washington	23.70
Middleburg	4.77
Warren Plains	9.15

Wilson, Sunbeams	$1.00
Hickory	8.86
Scotland Neck, Sunbeams	3.00
Mt. Zion	2.15
Williamston	15.00
Manson, Sunbeams	1.00
Cypress Chapel	1.25
Battleboro	4.55
	921.54

Tuckaseigee Association—

Webster	8.75
Oak Grove	1.00
	9.75

Union Association—

Marshville	33.81
Waxhaw	5.05
Monroe	120.00
Meadow Branch	21.10
Monroe, Sunbeams	16.00
	195.96

Transylvania Association—

Brevard	3.44

West Chowan Association—

Mt. Tabor	37.48
Lawrence Cross-Roads	10.00
Capehearts	9.76
Aulander	24.00
Lewiston	12.75
Buckhorn	31.54

Cashie	$16.90
Cashie, Sunbeams	8.07
Potecasi	29.28
Union	8.71
Hebron	23.92
Chowan	64.30
Elam	14.00
Ahoskie	26.13
Seaboard	22.50
Galatia	27.95
Windsor	6.65
Coleraine, Sunbeams	26.50
Kelford	10.90
Murfreesboro, Sunbeams	10.66
Buckhorn, Sunbeams	6.11
Meherrin, Sunbeams	7.95
Roanoke	2.69
Miss Williams, Harrellsville	5.00
Roberts' Chapel	7.64
Mt. Carmel	16.00
Holly Grove School-House	8.90
Rich Square	10.54
Jackson	7.75
Pleasant Grove	6.00
Ahoskie, Sunbeams	1.75
Hebron	7.50
Seaboard, Sunbeams	5.20
Jackson, Sunbeams	.80
Rich Square, Sunbeams	4.00
Roanoke, Sunbeams	11.82
Pine Forest	3.00
	534.65

No Association Given—

Shanghai, China	$8.00
Miss H. E. Hester	2.00
South Creek	2.50
Miss M. Halloway	1.00
Oswego	1.31
Miss M. E. Vance	5.00
Mrs. Hartsell	1.02
Hominy	2.00
Shiloh	9.62
Four Oaks, Sunbeams	2.15
A Friend	9.64
Bear Creek	6.05
Churchill	5.00
Ruffin, Sunbeams	7.31
Wallburg, Sunbeams	3.00
	59.60

Appropriated as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$2,303.00	
To Christmas Offering	812.21	
Total for Foreign Missions		$3,115.21
To Home Missions	1,023.68	
To Home Mission Boxes	2,374.58	
To Self-Denial Fund	613.40	
Total for Home Missions		4,011 66
To State Missions	1,844.95	
To State Missions Vol. Fund	277.83	
Total for State Missions		2,122.78

To Orphanage	$131.13
To Ministerial Education....	39.60
To Sunday Schools.....	18.57
To Famine Relief, China.....	7.73
To B. F. University.....	2.50
To Expense Fund	1.83
To Associational Schools....	295.23
To Ministerial Relief Fund..	20.12
	9,766.36

The Sunbeams contributed to the above amount as follows:

To Foreign Missions.....	$400.89	
To Christmas Offering.....	75.04	
Total for Foreign Missions..		475.93
To Home Missions.....	93.58	
To Home Missions, Self-Denial Fund	21.81	
To Home Mission Boxes.....	160.36	
Total for Home Missions....		275.75
To State Missions.....		127.32
To Orphanage		62.08
To Sunday Schools		1.50
To Ministerial Relief.....		6.50
		949.08

The following Vice-Presidents spoke of "Our Associations; Their Locations, Needs and Future:"

Miss E. A. Draughn, of the Buncombe Association; Mrs. L. N. Chappell, of the Beulah Association; Mrs. W. H. Woodall, of the French Broad Association; Mrs. H. L. Grant, of the Neuse Association; Mrs. J. C. Murchison, of the Piedmont Association; Mrs. Harvey Crist, of the Pilot Mountain Association.

Meeting adjourned after being led in prayer by Mrs. C. H. Wiley, of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday Afternoon,
December 5, 2:30 o'clock.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. M. V. Follette, Durham.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Recommendations—Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Chairman; Mrs. A. L. Betts, Mrs. J. H. Tucker, Miss Mary Neal, Mrs. E. W. Timberlake, Mrs. Edwin Reeves.

Resolutions—Mrs. Mary Hudgins, Chairman; Mrs. A. A. Hannah, Mrs. W. H. H. Lawhon, Mrs. L. D. Swaim.

Obituaries—Mrs. C. J. D. Parker, Chairman; Mrs. Lucretia Blalock, Mrs. L. G. Hall, Mrs. A. F. Yates.

The Childrens' Hour was conducted by Miss E. N. Briggs, Raleigh.

Miss Briggs as Band Superintendent reported the work of the Bands for 1901. She was followed by a paper on "Our Sunbeam Band," prepared by Miss Lucy Dunn, Scotland Neck, read by Miss Susie M. Heck, Raleigh.

"Band Work and Band Workers," Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.

"The Pastor and the Band," Mrs. W. J. Woodall, Mars Hill.

The hour closed with an exercise by the Mission Band of the First Baptist Church, Winston, under direction of Mrs. T. N. Sprinkle, and the Mission Band of the Salem Mission under direction of Mrs. D. Rich, Winston.

"An Hour With the Secretaries" was occupied by Rev. Livingston Johnson, Secretary of State Mission Board, speaking on "Volunteer Teachers' work," and Dr. E. E. Bomar, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, on "Reopened China."

Dr. R. E. Caldwell, of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, spoke of the cordial welcome extended to the ladies of his church and own.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Bomar.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday Morning,
December 6, 9:30 o'clock.

Opened by prayer service participated in by a number of ladies.

Miss Heck read an appeal for a helper for Mr. J. C. Owen, of Northern China, one of North

Carolina's missionary sons, from Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, of Georgia.

One-minute talks on "Our Best Plan" were made by the following ladies:

Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Mrs. M. V. Follette, Mrs. Yates, of Aberdeen; Mrs. Riddick, of First Church, Winston; Mrs. N. B. Broughton, of Tabernacle, Raleigh; Mrs. Petty, of High Point; Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Mrs. M. E. Workman, Greensboro; Miss Janie Taylor, Wake Forest. Mrs. Wiley of the Presbyterian Church, spoke of the cradle-roll of her church. Discussion continued by Mrs. D. F. King, of Leaksville; Miss Imogene Tuck, of Virgilina, Va.; Miss E. A. Draughn, Mrs. C. J. D. Parker, Durham; Mrs. E. A. Hanna, of Mt. Airy; Mrs. S. D. Swaim, of Mocksville; Miss King Lindsay, of Jerusalem Church; Mrs. Harvey Crist, of Y. L. S.; Miss Susie Heck, of Y. L. S.; Mrs. C. S. Cashwell, of Marion; Mrs. Grant, of Goldsboro; Mrs. W. N. Jones, Mrs. Timberlake, of Louisburg; Miss Lou Baity, of Statesville; Mrs. W. H. Rich, of Lexington; Miss Neal, of Reidsville; Mrs. Lucretia Blalock, of Ledger; Mrs. J. H. Tucker.

Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, presented a paper on "The Missionary Society and the Church."

Mrs. Harvey Crist followed on "The Mission of a Missionary Library."

"Our Future" was discussed under the clauses of the recommendations of the Central Committee for the year 1902, Mrs. Follette, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Draughn, Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Miss Briggs and Mrs. Jones participating in the discussion.

The recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1902.

With profound gratitude for the great increase in the members and faithfulness of the Women's and Children's Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches of our State, we, your Central Committee, after careful thought and prayer, would lay upon your hearts the following recommendations for the year 1902:

1. That in our Societies we give the first place to study of God's Word, knowledge of God's work in mission fields at home and abroad, earnest and continued prayer for the enlistment of the whole church for the salvation of the world, and for a mighty universal outpouring of God's Spirit in mission lands. That as a pledge of such united study and prayer during the year we all, with one heart, observe the Week of Prayer, January 5–11, 1902.

2. That each Society spare neither time nor effort for the organization of one Society in a neighboring church; to double its own active membership, and to reach every woman in the church through the Missionary Home Department.

3. That Mr. T. C. Britton, of Soochow, China, and Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, continue to be our Yates Memorial Missionaries, and that we make our Christmas Offering $1,000 for their support.

4. That while not decreasing our interest in

the packing of boxes for Home Missionaries we lay greater emphasis on moneyed contributions to this work, not only in view of the ever-widening field of labor on our Western Frontier, in our large cities and in reopened Cuba, but especially in consideration of the large work being done in the Associational Schools of Western North Carolina. As one means to this end the observance of the Week of Self-Denial and Prayer in March is especially recommended.

5. That, considering the Teachers' Volunteer Work so signally blessed in the two years passed, an opportunity for loving and effectual personal service for Christ and our State, we call for sixty carefully recommended and well-equipped teachers to give two full months to this work without moneyed compensation, while the whole body of the Societies give on a Thanksgiving day for State Missions, during the second week in June, the full sum necessary for their travelling expenses.

6. That each W. M. S. hold itself responsible for, and culpably neglectful if indifferent to, the training of the children of the church for active and intelligent interest and participation in mission work.

7. That each Society be again urged to establish a Missionary Library, however small its beginning, and seek to widen the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Field*, and *Kind Words*, and our State denominational papers.

8. That especial emphasis be laid on the work of the Associational Vice-Presidents; the hold-

ing of Quarterly and Associational Missionary meetings and the cultivation of a close, helpful relation between Societies of each Association. To this end the adoption of an Associational Aim is sugg sted.

9. That in view of the zeal and gifts of the Women's and Children's Societies of our State, we take for our determined aims for the year 1902:

(a) The organization of a hundred new Societies.

(b) The contribution of $11,000 for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Report of Committee on Recommendations, presented by Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, was adopted as follows:

We endorse the recommendations of the Central Committee, and suggest:

1. That each Society make a greater effort next year to carry out each one of these.

2. That especial attention be called to the organization of Children's Societies as mentioned in the sixth clause.

3. That the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies convene a day earlier, and that the advisability of this change of the time of meeting be considered at the next Annual Meeting, 1902, due notice of same being given.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

The report of the Obituary Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

"Inasmuch as our loving heavenly Father, in His great wisdom, has seen fit to remove from us by death four of our much-loved sisters and

co-workers, Mrs. Lewis Bennett, of Charlotte; Mrs. W. W. Rogers, of Durham; Mrs. V. B. Swepson, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Mary E. Moore, of Leaksville, we, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist State Convention, offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved, first*, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our God, whose dealings with His children we can not always understand, yet we shall miss the association and efforts of these in advancing the great work which God has committed to us.

"*Resolved, second*, That we pray for the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit upon the loved ones of our dear sisters, and the blessings of heaven to rest upon the Societies of which they were members.

"*Resolved, third*, That these resolutions be recorded in the Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union.

"MRS. C. J. D. PARKER,
"MRS. A. F. YATES,
"MRS. LUCRETIA BLALOCK,
"Committee."

REHORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted as follows:

"*Resolved*, 1st, We desire to offer gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father for His great and manifold blessings to His hand-maidens in the prosecution of the work entrusted to them.

"2d. That our prayers should continue for

Missions, and our efforts be greater this year than ever before, to reach the aim of $11,000 for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

"3d. We tender our sincere thanks to the ladies of Winston-Salem, and to the Reception Committee, for their great kindness to the delegates and visiting ladies.

"4th. We wish to express our warmest gratitude to and appreciation of the faithful service rendered by the young lady ushers, and to the little Sunbeam Bands for their part rendered so beautifully.

"5th. We wish to return thanks and great appreciation to the Presbyterians for the use of their elegant building.

"Respectfully submitted,

"MRS. M. G. HUDGINS,
"MRS. A. A. HANNAH,
"MRS. W. H. H. LAWHON,
"MRS. S. D. SWAIM,
"Committee."

After closing moments of prayer, the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies adjourned to meet in Durham, Thursday after the first Sunday in December.

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SUMMARY.

Societies reporting in 1902	369
Total reported by Societies in 1899	$ 8,777.96
Total reported by Societies in 1900	9,710.84
Total reported by Societies in 1901	9,766.39
Total reported by Societies in 1902	11,003.13

MOTTO FOR 1903—"All from God; all for God—whose I am, and whom I serve."

AIM FOR 1903—To double the membership of the Societies now organized. To add one hundred new Societies. To give twelve thousand dollars for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and State Missions."

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FOR 1900 AND 1901.

	1901	1902
To Foreign Missions	$2,303.00	$ 2,801.69
To Christmas Offering	812.21	759.65
Total Foreign Missions	$3,115.21	$ 3,561.34
Home Missions	$1,023.68	1,057.01
Week of Self-Denial	613.40	663.24
Value of Boxes	2,374.58	3,313.63
Total Home Missions	$4,011.66	$ 5,034.82
State Missions	$1,844.95	$ 1,755.10
State Mission boxes		90.00
Volunteer Fund	277.83	365.63
Total State Missions	$2,121.78	$ 2,210.73

Orphanage	$ 131.13	$ 44.42
To Orphanage boxes		117 77
Total	$ 131.15	$ 162.19
Ministerial Education	39.60	15.70
Sunday-schools	18.57	3.92
Famine Relief, China	7.73	
B. F. University	2.50	
Expense fund	1.83	2.83
Associational Schools	295.23	
Ministerial Relief	20.12	6.60
Church Extension		5.00
Grand total	$9,766.36	$ 11,003.13

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STATE, HOME, AND FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$1,000.95	1895	$4,491.88
1887	1,718.46	1896	3,969.54
1888	1,881.59	1897	6,272.83
1889	1,940.40	1898	6,893.00
1890	1,921.56	1899	8,777.98
1891	3,128.14	1900	9,710.84
1892	3,916.85	1901	9,666.36
1893 *	4,955.71	1902	11,008.13
1894	2,374.97		
Total			$83,923.19

*Centennial contribution included.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the work of the W. M. Societies, and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an Annual Meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. M. S. OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular Annual Meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

NOTE.—The Central Committee, consisting of thirteen ladies from Raleigh, and the Association Vice-Presidents, is not appointed by the Annual Meeting, but by the State Board of Missions, which is appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The Central Committee is thus a Committee of the Convention, and as such reports to it, as well as The Woman's Annual Meeting, each year. All these ladies serve without compensation, the only expenses of the Committee being for postage, printing and stationery.

The officers of the Central Committee are: President—Miss F. E. S. Heck; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. N. Jones; Band Superintendent—Miss E. N. Briggs, Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, December 11th, at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck presiding.

Opening devotional services, topic, "What I thank God for most in Mission Fields," participated in by a number of ladies. Prayer by Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Mrs. O. B. Foushee of Durham welcomed the delegates and visitors, and was responded to, on their behalf, by Mrs. A. L. Betts of Warsaw.

Mrs. J. C. Murchison of Greensboro was called to the chair and presided during the enrollment of delegates and election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

President—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck of Raleigh; First Vice-President—Miss A. E. Draughan of Asheville, Second Vice-President—Mrs. H. L. Grant of Goldsboro; Treasurer—Mrs. L. N. Chappell of Forestville; Secretary—Mrs. D. Rich of Winston.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, delivered the annual address. Subject, "The Supreme Necessity of the Hour."

Mrs. W. N. Jones, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Committee, in presenting the report for the year, called attention to important facts connected with the growth of the year's work. The financial report of the year was as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30TH, 1902.

Ashe and Alleghany Association—		
Beaver Creek	$ 19	64
Atlantic Association—		
First Church, New Bern	97	90
Morehead City	54	55
Tabernacle, Newbern	52	73
First Church, New Bern, Sunbeams	20	20
Tabernacle, New Bern, Sunbeams	19	22
Swansboro	27	37
Beaufort	5	78
Swansboro, Sunbeams	1	27
Woodville	3	00
	$ 282	02
Beulah Association—		
Yanceyville	$ 13	84
Lea Bethel	34	21
Shiloh	9	90
Kerr's Chapel	4	59
Clement	27	66
Providence	5	00
Trinity	7	00
Yanceyville, Sunbeams	1	10
	$ 103	30
Brunswick Association—		
Bethel	$ 13	25
Antioch	12	40
Southport	37	30
Jennie's Branch	1	77
	$ 64	72

Bladen Association—		
Galeed	$ 27	85
Buncombe Association—		
Cane Creek	23	56
Cane Creek, Sunbeams	3	12
First Church, Asheville	598	71
Beaver Dam	17	96
Beaver Dam, Sunbeams	10	13
Mrs. Clark	1	00
Antioch	19	85
Mrs. H. H. Muse	1	05
Mrs. M. S. Buckner	1	25
Mrs. F. P. Sluder	1	25
Garrison's School House	4	25
Berea	2	50
Fern Hill	26	00
First Church, Asheville, Sunbeams	50	00
Mrs. Miller, S. S. Laurel Bluff	1	86
	$ 762	49
Carolina Association—		
Hendersonville	28	70
Fruitland	6	19
Mt. Gilead	1	60
Ebenezer		70
	$ 37	19
Caldwell Association—		
Lenoir	3	00
Cape Fear and Columbus Association—		
Whiteville	53	22
Chadbourn	16	00
Smyrna, Sunbeams	4	79

Whiteville, Sunbeams	$	5 15
Cheerful Hope		5 86
	$	85 02
Chowan Association—		
Reynoldson		6 53
Elizabeth City, Sunbeams		14 50
Elizabeth City		117 00
Sandy Cross		5 25
Blackwell's Memorial Church		54 63
	$	197 91
Cedar Creek Association—		
Hope Mills, Rockfish Church		56 05
Cedar Creek		4 49
Cape Fear		4 00
Hope Mills, No. 2		13 60
Green Springs		5 64
Great Marsh		3 58
	$	87 36
Central Association—		
Flat Rock		33 58
Perry's Chapel, Sunbeams		7 82
First Church, Raleigh		324 18
First Church, Raleigh, Sunbeams		35 07
Wake Forest		249 82
Bethany		6 52
Bethlehem		8 80
Rolesvile, Sunbeams		2 79
Mt. Vernon		19 00
Wake Forest, Y. L. S.		48 98
Wake Forest, Sunbeams		12 66
B. F. University		25 10

Rolesville	$ 7	15
Youngsville	26	70
Youngsville, Sunbeams	6	95
Central Association Box (1901)	40	00
First Church, Raleigh, Y. L. S.	50	97
Perry's Chapel	14	05
Hopkin's Chapel		63
Forestville	5	00
	$ 925	77
Eastern Association—		
Warsaw	27	25
Mt. Olive	46	52
Johnston's	5	59
Clinton, Sunbeams	9	20
Clinton	16	45
Clinton, Y. L. S.	5	05
Warsaw, Sunbeams	5	27
	$ 115	33
French Broad Association—		
Mars Hill	17	65
Marshall	4	55
	$ 22	40
Elkin Association—		
Elkin	8	13
Flat River Association—		
Oxford	168	55
Oxford, Maggie Nutt Society	68	00
Mt. Zion	27	45
Mt. Zion, Sunbeams	9	06
Florence Avenue, Virgilina	26	30

Oxford, Sunbeams	$ 13 75
Roxboro	20 05
Mill Creek	11 00
Knott's Grove	4 76
	$ 349 42

Green River Association—

Rutherfordton	77 16
Rutherfordton, Sunbeams	11 18
Mt. Vernon	12 75
Marion	13 85
Dysartsville	17 60
Mountain Creek	17 25
Chapel Hill	2 00
Pleasant Hill	3 35
Round Hill	9 57
Montford Cove	8 00
Marion, Sunbeams	9 65
	$ 182 36

Haywood Association—

Waynesville	89 39
Pleasant Hill	36 42
Waynesville, Sunbeams	10 86
Pleasant Hill, Sunbeams	6 63
	$ 143 30

Kings Mountain Association—

Shelby	102 74
Lawndale	65
New Bethel	13 64
Gastonia	8 35
New Bethel, Sunbeams	35

Elizabeth	$ 1 50
Cleveland Mills, Sunbeams	1 65
	$ 128 88
Liberty Association—	
Lexington	11 00
Holloways	5 00
	$ 26 00
Little River Association—	
New Hill	13 50
Dunn	10 00
	$ 23 50
Montgomery Association—	
Blackwood's Chapel	3 92
Mt. Gilead	5 51
	$ 9 43
Mitchell County Association—	
Bear Creek	23 00
Lilly Branch	4 00
Mrs. Lucretia Young	50 00
	$ 77 00
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association—	
Miss L. D. Price	2 00
Tryon street, Charlotte	297 45
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Y. L. S.	137 15
Twelfth Street, Charlotte, Sunbeams	19 00
Pritchard Memorial	20 90
	$ 476 50

Mt. Zion Association—

West Durham	$ 4 50
Durham, First Church	176 12
Durham, First Church, Sunbeams	28 30
Durham, First Church, Earnest Workers	37 42
Chapel Hill, Sunbeams	8 55
Chapel Hill	71 96
Williams Chapel	3 00
Lystra	11 59
Mebane	9 56
Cedar Fork	17 38
Second Church, Durham	70 70
Bells	2 60
Graham	38 04
Williams Chapel, Sunbeams	1 30
Burlington	8 00
Graham, Sunbeams	4 46
Mt. Gilead	15 20
Second Church, Durham, Sunbeams	7 52
Bethel	6 50
Lystra, Sunbeams	76
East Durham	13 92
	$ 537 38

Neuse Association—

Goldsboro	117 50
Pollocksville	14 44
Kinston	211 00
St. Barnwell	17 00
St. Barnwell, Sunbeams	4 50
Antioch	5 85
Kinston, Y. L. S	1 75
Castoria	3 50

Pollocksville, Sunbeams	$ 3 50
Snow Hill	2 00
Spring Garden	4 80
Goldsboro, Second Church	6 50
Goldsboro, Band	11 76
	$ 404 10

Pee Dee Association—

Laurinburg, Sunbeams	9 17
Wadesboro	143 40
Laurinburg	84 20
Roberdel	14 29
Pee Dee	9 80
Maxton	6 00
Spring Hill	46 30
Polkton	18 44
Ansonville	9 35
Spring Hill, Sunbeams (Lee Holland)	11 00
Spring Hill, Y. L. S.	95
Rockingham	46 39
Wadesboro, Y. L. S.	9 00
	$408 29

Piedmont Association—

High Point	106 74
Greensboro, Busy Bee Band	28 50
Greensboro, Y. L. S.	100 70
Greensboro, Boy's Band	8 20
Greensboro	185 50
Reidsville	37 35
Ramseur	3 15
Summerfield	11 50
	$ 481 64

Pilot Mountain Association

Waughtown	44 30
First Church, Winston	169 85
Lewisville	7 65
Mt. Airy	47 89
Leaksville Sunbeams	1 00
Mt. Airy Sunbeams	22 30
Leaksville	92 01
First Church, Winston, Y. L. S.	23 10
Salem Mission, Sunbeams	8 00
Mayodan	2 25
Madison	5 00
First Church, Winston, Sunbeams	21 00
	$ 444 60

Raleigh Association—

Clayton	114 01
Four Oaks, Sunbeams	6 64
Holly Springs	20 75
Holly Springs, Sunbeams	7 35
Clayton, Sunbeams	6 82
Garner	5 00
Leesville	2 15
Ephesus, Sunbeams	8 30
Mrs. Holloway	361 00
Tabernacle, Raleigh	149 28
Cary	46 00
Morrisville	53 34
Apex	8 46
Cary, Sunbeams	5 50
Selma, Sunbeams	3 40
Clayton, Junior Union	7 32
Mt. Hermon	4 25
	$ 810 16

Robeson Association—

Red Springs, Sunbeams	$	3 36
Ashpole		30 65
Ashpole, Sunbeams		14 17
Fair Bluff		30 30
Antioch		5 64
Lumberton, Sunbeams		8 60
Bear Swamp		15 30
Pleasant Hill		26 36
Saddle Tree		15 11
Back Swamp		24 80
Parkton		16 75
Raft Swamp		15 30
Long Branch		12 05
Centerville		4 49
Pleasant Hope		1 25
Lumber Bridge		9 80
Fair Bluff, Sunbeams		3 00
Rowland		10 85
Lumber Bridge, Sunbeams		5 75
Lumberton		170 78
Back Swamp, Sunbeams		71
Union Meeting collection		4 30
Bethany		2 01
Big Branch		8 70
Raft Swamp, Sunbeams		4 53
Great Marsh		3 58
	$	449 14

Sandy Creek Association—

Carthage		117 25
Pittsboro		61 81
Pittsboro, Sunbeams		2 50
Aberdeen		25 00

Siler City	$ 16 21
Jonesboro	71 04
Bethlehem	1 20
Cameron	16 85
Carthage, Sunbeams	5 50
Bear Creek	9 10
Southern Pines	5 50
Cameron, Sunbeams	2 10
	$ 334 06

Sandy Run Association—

Immanuel	18 85
Henrietta	10 25
Mrs. L. D. Bell	15 00
	$ 44 10

South Fork Association—

Hickory	34 29
Hickory, Sunbeams	14 56
Newton, Sunbeams	12 25
Maiden	7 19
Gastonia, Sunbeams	10 00
Gastonia	121 68
	$ 199 97

South Yadkin Association—

Statesville	47 16
Statesville, Sunbeams	13 97
Mocksville	16 30
Cleveland	1 15
Salisbury	32 23
	$ 110 81

South River Association—

White Oak	$ 17	50
Salemburg, Sunbeams	10	01
Salembnrg	39	81
Autryville	1	00
Antioch	21	20
Fayetteville	103	95
Spring Branch	11	01
Massey Hill	2	15
Mill Creek		50
	$ 207	13

Tuckaseegee Association—

Sylva	1	00
Webster	5	25
	$ 6	25

Transylvania Associateon—

Brevard	37	68

Tar River Association—

Scotland Neck, Sunbeams	24	29
Hickory	8	78
Rocky Mount	56	00
Henderson	93	13
Mount Zion	5	97
Weldon	112	65
Washington	41	63
Poplar Spring	38	43
Henderson, Sunbeams	38	00
Enfield	6	18
Wilson, Sunbeams	55	00
Wilson	38	75
Greenville Memorial	73	52
Hobgood	21	90

Cedar Rock	$ 30 53
Spring Hope	7 40
Scotland Neck	202 30
Louisburg, Sunbeams	16 26
Louisburg	101 45
Warren Plains	7 70
Hamilton	1 00
Cypress Chapel	4 25
Battleboro	6 70
Gardner's	5 12
Sandy Creek	5 00
Corinth	3 20
	$1,005 16

Union Association—

Monroe	172 50
Waxhaw	5 00
Marshville	7 67
Meadow Branch, Sunbeams	1 15
Monroe, Sunbeams	5 00
Meadow Branch	10 00
	$ 201 32

West Chowan Association—

Chowan	76 45
Mount Tabor	66 99
Rich Square	25 77
Meherrin, Sunbeams	9 66
Buckhorn	210 62
Capeheart's	7 15
Cashie, Sunbeams	33 12
Holly Grove	38 80
Cashie	12 39
Robert's Chapel	11 23

Aulander	$	20 00
Murfreesboro, Sunbeams		20 20
Hebron		40 77
Potecasi		22 93
Rich Square, Sunbeams		3 80
Seaboard		5 00
Lewiston		9 30
Pine Forest		18 54
Lawrence Cross Roads		6 50
Jackson, Sunbeams		2 31
Roanoke		3 20
Holly Grove School-house		4 60
Elam		11 20
Galatia		20 90
Jackson		7 23
Mount Carmel		12 77
Margarettesville		2 75
Pleasant Grove		2 40
C. B. F. Institute		6 35
Ahoskie		17 00
Buckhorn, Sunbeams		4 09
Woodland		4 30
Ross		14 35
	$	752 67
Wilmington Association—		
Wilmington		139 60
Jacksonville		19 00
Southside, Wilmington		17 00
	$	175 60
No Association given—		
A friend		35 00
A friend		50

Mrs. M. H. Muse	$	1 00
Mrs. M. D. Clark		1 00
Mrs. W. S. Buckner		1 00
A sister		2 50
Mrs. B. A. Davis		1 00
For Volunteer Fund		5 00
Pleasant Hill		1 65
A friend		75
Pekin		2 22
Colton		2 00
	$	53 62

CONTRIBUTION ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AT ASHEVILLE, N. C., MAY, 1902.

For Theological Seminary, Rome	$	58 49
For Church Building and Loan Fund, Home Mission Board		50 50
Mrs. J. M. Forrester		1 00
	$	109 99

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Mars Hill	$	3 23
Burlington		2 55
Wadesboro Y. L. S.		7 00
Wadesboro Sunbeams		11 50
Lumberton Sunbeams		6 36
Henderson Sunbeams		2 50
Elizabeth City		38 00
	$	71 14

Total $11,003 13

Appropriated as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$2,801 69	
To Christmas offering	759 65	
Total to Foreign Missions		$3,561 34
To Home Missions	$1,057 91	
To Self Denial offering	663 24	
To Home Mission boxes	3,313 67	
Total to Home Missions		5,034 82
To State Missions	$1,755 10	
To Volunteer Fund	365 63	
To State Mission boxes	90 00	
Total to State Missions		$2,210 73
To Orphanage	$ 44 42	
To Orphanage boxes	117 77	
Total to Orphanage		$ 162 19
To Ministerial Relief		6 60
To Ministerial Education		15 70
To Church Extension		5 00
To Sunday-School Board		3 92
To Expense Fund		2 83
Grand total		$11,003 13

Of the above amount the Sunbeams contributed:

To Foreign Missions	$ 490 71	
To Foreign Christmas Offerings,	35 69	
Total		$ 526 40

To Home Missions	$101 88	
To Home Self Denial Offering,	19 39	
To Home Mission Boxes	94 02	
Total		$ 215 29
To State Missions	$ 93 09	
To State Mission Vol. Fund	13 95	
Total		$ 107 04
To Orphanage	$ 11 63	
To Orphanage Boxes	8 00	
Total		$ 19 63
Grand total for Sunbeams		$ 868 36

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. N. JONES,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Band Superintendent, submitted the report of the Children's work for the past year.

The following Committees were appointed:

Plans of Work—Mrs. J. F. Love, Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Mrs. J. K. Hankins, Mrs. L. Johnson, Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, Mrs. T. J. Porter, Mrs. V. N. Seawell, Mrs. H. Briggs, Mrs. E. L. Thompson, Mrs. J. D. Bruner, Mrs. W. D. Horner, Mrs. W. S. Oldham, Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Mrs. C. M. V. Follette, Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mrs. W. W. Holding, Mrs. J. M. Hamrick, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Mrs. W M. Vines, Mrs. T. J. Tolar, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mrs. W. F. Watson, Mrs. C. C. Walker.

Obituaries—Mrs. Helen Betts. Mrs J. H. Rich, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Tyson, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Mrs. Lahon, Mrs. H. L. Duval.

Committee on Young Ladies' Work—Miss Mary Wilds, Miss Lula Briggs, Miss Mary E. Neal, Miss Margaret Shields, Miss Annie Justice, Miss Susie Heck, Miss Sadie Turner, Miss Rosa Broughton, Miss Mable Vaughan, Miss Annie Erecson, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Miss Susan Clark, Miss Maud Castleberry, Miss Loula Dunn, Miss Lucy A. Boone, Miss Mary Johnson.

Boys' Bands—Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. R. D. Cross, Mrs. Lizzie Battle, Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Mrs. W. R. Cullom, Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, Mrs. J. P. Marshall.

Mrs. C. D. Cross was appointed to prepare a letter to the ladies who had gone out as missionaries from North Carolina.

The following Associational Vice-Presidents answered the question, "Does religious progress in your Association keep pace with financial growth?" Mrs. W. H. Woodall, French Broad; Miss A. E. Draughan, Buncombe; Mrs. W. A. Gwaltney, South Fork; Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, King's Mountain; Miss Hattie James, Beulah; Mrs. Burke, South Yadkin; Miss Annie E. Erekson, West Chowan; Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Piedmont; Mrs. L. A. Battle, Mt. Zion; Mrs. H. L. Grant, Neuse; Mrs. H. C. Moore, Atlantic; Mrs. F. B. Henry, Pee Dee; Mrs. A. L. Betts, Eastern; Mrs. Harvey Crisp, Pilot Mountain.

SECOND SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

December 12, 9:30 o'clock.—Meeting opened with devotional exercises. Topic, "Christian Needs and Bible Answers." Prayer by Miss Lottie Price and Mrs. J. C. Murchison.

A minute with each Society. Topic, "How My Society was Helped." General discussion in which about fifty ladies participated.

Hymn, "Onwarn, Christian Soldiers."

The Secretaries of the Board, Dr. R. J. Willingham, Dr. F. C. McConnell, Rev. Livingston Johnson with Rev. W. C. Newton, missionary to China, and Dr. T. E. Skinner of Raleigh were introduced to the ladies. The meeting was addressed by Dr. McConnell, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Newton, Dr. Skinner and Dr. Willingham.

At the close of these addresses the Missionary Calendar of the Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina for 1903 was presented to each one present, this Calendar bearing the motto for 1903—"All from God: all for God—whose I am and whom I serve"—the pictures of Rev. William Cary Newton and his wife, the study topics for the year, and the aim of the Societies for 1903 "to double the membership of the Societies now organized—to add one hundred new Societies—to give twelve thousand dollars for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and State Missions."

Recommendations of the Central Committee for 1903 read by Mrs. H. C. Moore of New Berne, and spoken to by Miss Heck, were unanimously adopted as follows:

"RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR 1903.

Recognizing the great blessings which have come to the Woman's Missionary Societies in the past by carefully planned and united effort, ws would lay before their representatives here convened the following recommendations, begging that, if adopted by them, each delegate will hold herself personally responsible to the uttermost of her ability for their carrying out.

1. UNITED PRAYRE AND DEEPER STUDY.—That continued and increased emphasis be placed on united prayer, the topics in the Woman's column of the *Biblical Recorder* and on the Mission Card being used to direct our minds and hearts into the same channels. That it be recognized that a wider and more exact knowledge of mission fields is an imperative demand for our own missionary life, as well as for the increase of attendance on the Societies; and that, therefore, every organization supply itself with a Missionary Library and seek to increase the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Field*, *Kind Words*, and other missionary magazines. That the Societies endeavor to increase missionary enthusiasm throughout the whole Church to this end, using its influence and giving its assistance in the revival of the missionary concert of prayer.

2. INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP AND OF SOCIETIES. In view of the fact that at present but a small part of the women and children of the Churches and Sunday-schools with which the Societies are connected are members of them or are taking

other active part in Mission work, that one of the chief aims of this year's work be to double the membership and attendance of all existing Societies, success or failure to be reported at our next annual meeting. To reach those who cannot attend, the Home Department is specially commended. That in view of the fact that more than two-thirds of the Churches of our Convention are still without Societies, each of those now organized endeavor to plant one in a neighboring Church.

3. Concentration of Effort.—That the aim of each Woman's Missionary Society be to give not less than ten cents a month per member for Home, State and Foreign Missions, the objects represented and reported by the Central Committee; that if other objects commend themselves to the Societies for gifts, they be assisted by extra offerings or additional dues; the ten cents a month above mentioned being held sacred for the primary purposes of the Societies.

4. Young People.—Realizing that the young people of our Churches and Sunday-schools must be trained for Missions if the future Church meets its rapidly growing demands, that the Woman's Missionary Societies take under their fostering care Societies for boys and girls, and urge the young women of the Churches to form themselves into Young Ladies' Mission Circles. That the Societies be urged to arrange for the observance of Mission Day in the Sunday-schools the last week in September.

5. Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer. That the Christmas Offering this year be made

a thousand dollars, to be devoted to the support of Mr. T. C. Britton and Miss Lottie Price of China, our Yates Memorial Missionaries, and that with this offering be coupled the Week of Prayer for Missions in which all Churches shall be invited to unite.

6. Home Missions.—That in view of the rapidly increasing population of the Southern States, that Home Missions be given a growing place in our thoughts and affections, the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in March being a time of special moneyed offering for this work and the early fall for box packing.

7. Volunteer Teachers.—That with great thankfulness we recognize the remarkable work done by the Teachers' Volunteer Movement in the past three years, and that while in view of the lengthened term of the public schools so large a number of teachers as have gone out in the past may not be called for in Western North Carolina, that the work which may be done in all parts of our State through similar agencies be laid particularly upon our hearts, and that we consider the advisability of such work, not only in the extreme Eastern and Western part of our State, but in the factory villages of Central North Carolina. That for this work we observe a Thanksgiving Day for State Missions the second week in June.

8. Vice-Presidents and Associational Meetings.—That the Societies come into close relations with the Vice-President and other Societies in their respective Associations reporting quarterly to the Vice-President, and assisting

her in holding fifth Sunday and Associational Missionary Meetings.

9. Aim for 1903.—That in pursuance of the work above enumerated, we take as our aim for 1903:

(*a*) Doubling the membership of the Societies already organized.

(*b*) Organization of one hundred new Societies.

(*c*) Contribution of twelve thousand dollars for State, Home and Foreign Missions."

Report of Committee on Plans of Worh presented by Mrs. J. F. Love and adopted as follows:

" We endorse the recommendations of the Central Committee and suggest:

1. That each Society carefully study and faithfully follow these recommendations.

2. That especial attention be called to this passage from first recommendation, viz.: that is be recognized that a wider and more exact knowledge of mission fields is an imperative demand for our own missionary life as well as for an increased attendance on the Societies; and, that therefore, every organization supply itself with a missionary library.

3. That the social feature suggested by our President is worthy the consideration of all Societies.

4. That for the present there be no change in the time of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee."

Report of Committee on Boys' Bands, presented by Mrs. C. D. Ray, and adopted as follows:

"We suggest that a Boys' Band will prove a wise provision in many of our Churches.

When you have instilled manly ideas into a boy, and deal with facts and not fancies, when you have made him feel that he is an important factor in any department of life, and that he has part in the conversion of the heathen, then you have won him for good and for general usefulness. It is suggested that Bands be formed in the different Churches, either as a separate organization or in connection with the Girls' Band, at the discretion of the leader. As to definite plans, these may be best considered, when the needs of the occasion are definitely known, each on our return home.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. D. RAY, *Chairman.*"

Report of Committee on Obituaries, presented by Mrs. B. W. Ray, and adopted as follows:

"Inasmuch as our kind Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from us by death four of our much-loved sisters and co-workers—Mrs. Lewis of Leaksville, Mrs. Tyree of Durham, Mrs. Hartwell Edwards of Fayetteville, Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Sr., of Raleigh—we. the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist State Convention, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, first, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our kind Heavenly Father who doeth all things well, though his dealings we cannot always understand, yet we shall miss these loved ones and their efforts in advancing the great work which God has committed to us.

Resolved, second, That we pray for the loved ones of our dear sisters, asking God's comforting hand to guide and bless them and the Societies of which they were members.

Resolved, third, That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union.

MRS. B. W. RAY, MRS. L. N. CHAPPELL,
J. H. RICH, W. A. SMITH,
Committee."

Report of Committee on Young Ladies' Work presented by Miss Susie Heck, and adopted as follows:

"That great emphasis be placed on enlisting the young women of our Churches in mission work, and, where deemed advisable, to form them into separate societies under the name of Young Woman's Mission Club, with the motto 'Study to show thyself approved unto God' To this end we recommend that the Central Committee appoint a superintendent to plan and prepare programmes for this work.

We would also suggest that the library prepared for the Student Volunteers of America and known as Twenty Choice Books (price $10), be purchased by each Club, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE."

Cards with twenty questions thereon were distributed among the audience, answers being given by a number of ladies. Miss Heck requested that the answers to these questions be sent to her for the Woman's Missionary Column in the *Recorder.*

Announcements. Meeting closed with prayer by Miss Amelia Williams of New Berne.

THIRD SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Dec. 14, 2:30 o'clock.—Responsive reading of the 148, 149, 150 Psalms. Prayer by Mrs. Blacknall of Durham. Song by choir.

"Ours from God, ours for God." Address by Mrs. J. C. Murchison of Greensboro.

Address by Mrs. R. T. Bryan of Shanghai, China. Subject, "Some Chinese Christians I Have Known."

Letter to North Carolina missionaries in foreign fields, prepared and read by Mrs. C. D. Cross.

Solo.

"Woman's Work in Central China," Miss Lottie Price, Yates Memorial missionary to Shanghai, China.

Dr. Willingham, "Woman's Part in Mission Work."

Farewell words from Rev. W. C. Newton, who was to leave on the following morning for China.

Report of Committee on Resolutions, presented by Mrs. W. M. Vines of Asheville:

"*Resolved, first,* We desire to offer gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father for His great and manifold blessings to His handmaidens in the prosecution of the work intrusted to them.

Second, That our prayers should continue for missions and our efforts be greater this year than ever before, to reach the aim of $12,000 for State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

Third, We tender our sincere thanks to the la-

dies of Durham and to the Reception Committee for their great kindness to the delegates and visiting ladies.

Fourth, We wish to return thanks and great appreciation to the members of the Trinity M. E. Church for the use of their elegant building, and to extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of their beloved pastor, Dr. W. C. Norman.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. ALLEN, MRS. W. M. VINES,
J. L. MORGAN, W. W. HOLDING,
MRS. JAS. L. TAYLOR, *Com.*"

Singing "God be with you 'till we meet again," during which the entire audience shook hands with the missionaries, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Lottie Price, and Rev, W. C. Newton.

Prayer by Dr. R. J. Willingham. After which the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union adjourned to meet in Charlatte the second week of December, 1903.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Clyde.
W. C. Allen, Waynesville.
J. R. Pace, Nut's Grove.
W. A. Smith, Mt. Vernon.
H. L. Grant, Goldsboro.
T. H. Sibley, Albemarle.
W. W. Holding, Wake Forest.
J. L. Allen (Sunbeams), Forestville.
E. G. Thompson, Lea-Bethel.
W. H. H. Lawhon, Bethlehem.
R. E. Meadows, Mt. Zion.

Mrs. Florence Hogan, Bethel Church.
J. A. Woodson, Shelby.
T. B. Henry, Wadesboro.
Walter Clark, Central Com.
J. A. Briggs, " "
N. B. Broughton, " "
T. H. Briggs, " "
Miss Maud Reid, " "
Mrs. F. J. Porter, Fayetteville.
R. B. Lineberry, Pittsboro.
Lee Battle, Greensboro.
L. R. Pruitt, Charlotte.
J. H. Rich, Greensboro.
____Farthing, --------
H. C. McNeil, Dunn.
J. D. Bruner, Chapel Hill.
W. S. Cooch, --------
J. S. Taylor, Dunn.
A. F. Yates, Aberdeen.
T. J. Ramseur, Cleveland Mills.
John Morgan, Weldon.
E. T. Scarborough, Hephzibah.
W. H. Woodall, Mars. Hill.
H. S. Crist, Winston.
M. A. Wood, Marshall.
W. R. Winston, Youngsville.
W. D. Amis and L. B. Tuck, Virgilina.
W. F. Watson, Gastonia.
T. P. Duncan. Ephesus.
E. A. Covington and J. F. Love, Wadesboro.
L. H. Shore, Clayton.
__ Rogers, Concord.
H. C. Barnett, Roxboro.
W. T. Hall, E. Durham.
__ Burnett, Mt. Gilead.

Mrs. J. D. Boushall and W. N. Jones, Raleigh.
E. L. Middleton, Cary.
Harriett Burke, Statesville.
C. D. Ray, Oxford.
W. D. Horner, Henderson.
M. C. Workman, Greensboro.
Leila Markham, Durham.
R. W. Ray, Leaksville.
Hight C. Moore, New Berne.
A. L. Betts, Warsaw.
J. K. Hankins, Lexington.
J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
H. M. Daval, Salisbury.
W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory.
Anna Foushee, Mt. Gilead Church.
T. McIntyre, Lumberton.
R. Amelia Williams.
Margaret Shields.
Miss Martha Sullivan, Fruitland.
Mamie Roberts, Shiloh Church.
Loula H. Briggs, Raleigh.
Rosa Broughton, Raleigh.
Elsie Cousins, Oxford.
Elizabeth Watkins, Winston.
Hattie James, Ridgeville.
-- Brown, Tennessee (visitor.)
-- Dockery, Fayetteville.
Roxie Dodd, Fayetteville.
May Wiles, Winston.
Anna E. Erekson, Mt. Carmel Church.
Sallie Riggsbee, Durham.
E. A. Draughan, Asheville.
Maud Castleberry, Ephesus.
Georgia Robertson, Yanceyville

ASSOCIATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Atlantic: Mrs. Hight C. Moore, New Berne.
Beulah: Miss Hattie James, Ridgeville.
Brunswick: Mrs. David Ward, Suburb.
Buncombe: Miss E. A. Draughan, Asheville.
Carolina: Mrs. Harriett Gibson, Hendersonville.
Central: Mrs. R. J. Conyers, Youngsville
Cape Fear and Columbus: Mrs. J. G. Blalock, Whiteville.
Eastern: Mrs. A. L. Betts, Warsaw.
French Broad: Mrs. W. H. Woodall.
Green River: Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton.
Haywood: Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde.
King's Mountain: Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, Cleveland Mills.
Mitchell County: Mrs. Lucretia Young, Ledger.
Mt. Zion: Mrs. L. A. Battle, Durham.
Neuse: Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro.
Pee Dee: Mrs. N. B. Henry.
Piedmont: Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
Pilot Mountain: Mrs. Harvey Crist, Winston-Salem.
Raleigh: Mrs. C. P. Brooks, Apex.
Robeson: Mrs. H. B. Pope, Lumberton.
Sandy Creek: Mrs. T. H. Chapin, Pittsboro.
South Fork: Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory.
South Yadkin: Mrs. D. Burke, Statesville.
South River: Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg.
Sandy Run: Mrs. T. G. Hamrick, Caroleen.
Tar River: Mrs. Josiah Crudup, Washington.
West Chowan: Miss Annie E. Erekson, Seaboard.

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SUMMARY.

Societies reporting in 1902	369
Societies reporting in 1903.....	401
Total reported by Societies in 1900.....	9,710.84
Total reported by Societies in 1901.....	9,766.39
Total reported by Societies in 1902....11,033.13	
Total reported by Societies in 1903....11,322.95	

Motto for 1904: Look up not down, out not in, and lend a hand.

Aim for 1904: To add a hundred new Societies and to give $13,000 to Foreign, Home and State Missions.

	1902	1903.
To Foreign Missions	$2,801.69	$3,304.33
To Christmas Offering	759.65	1,052.31
Total Foreign Missions ..	3,561.34	4,356.64
Home Missions	1,057.01	1,269.08
Week of Self-Denial	663.24	750.59
Value of Boxes	3,313.63	2,746.20
Total Home Missions	5,034.82	4,765.87
State Missions	1,755.10	2,102.79
State Mission Boxes	90.00	96.00
Volunteer Fund	365.63	
Total State Missions	2,210.73	2,198.79

Orphanage	$44.42	
To Orphanage boxes	117.77	
Total	162.19	
Ministerial Education	15.70	
Sunday-schools	3.92	
Expense fund	2.83	$1.65
Ministerial Relief	6.60	
Church Extension	5.00	
Grand total	11,003.13	11,322.95

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886	$1,000.95	1895	$4,491.88
1887	1,718.46	1896	3,969.54
1888	1,881.59	1897	6,272.83
1889	1,940.40	1898	6,893.00
1890	1,921.56	1899	8,777.98
1891	3,128.14	1900	9,710.84
1892	3,916.85	1901	9,666.36
1893*	4,955.71	1902	11,008.13
1894	2,374.97	1903	11,322.95
Total			95,246.14

*Centennial contributions included.

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CONSTITUTION.

Preamble.

Believing the work of the W. M. Societies, and through them the mission cause, will be greatly advanced by an Annual Meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

Constitution

1. The name of this body shall be "The Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular Annual Meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

Note.—The Central Committee, consisting of thirteen ladies from Raleigh, and the Association Vice-Presidents, is not appointed by the Annual Meeting, but by the State Board of Missions, which is appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The Central Committee is thus a Committee of the Convention, and as such reports to it, as well as The Woman's Annual Meeting, each year. All these ladies serve without compensation, the only expenses of the Committee being for postage, printing and stationery.

The officers of the Central Committee are: President—Miss F. E. S. Heck; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. N. Jones; Band Superintendent—Miss E. N. Briggs, Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in Tryon Street Methodist Church, Charlotte, December 10th, at 10 o'clock, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck presiding.

The meeting was opened with song service and several brief prayers. The first and twenty-third Psalms were repeated in concert.

Mrs. Rogers, of Charlotte, welcomed the ladies, and was responded to by Mrs. Follett, of Durham.

Mrs. Hight C. Moore was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. The delegates were then enrolled, 72 being present.

Miss Mary Taylor read the Constitution.

Mrs. Murchison, of Greensboro, was called to the chair, and the annual election of officers ensued, by acclamation.

President—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh; First Vice-President—Miss A. E. Draughon, of Asheville; Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. C. Murchison, of Greensboro; Secretary—Miss Mary Taylor, of Wake Forest; Treasurer—Mrs. Hight C. Moore, of Chapel Hill.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, delivered the Annual Address.

After a prayer by Miss Sophie Lanneau, and the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Band Superintendent, read report of Sunbeam work during the past year. She also spoke of Methods for Interesting Children in Mission Band Meetings.

CONTRIBUTION FROM SUNBEAMS FOR 1903.

To Foreign Missions	$541.78	
To Foreign Mission, Christmas Offering	61.86	
Total to Foreign Missions...		$603.64
To Home Missions	$84.89	
To Self-Denial	45.58	
To Home Mission Boxes	17.50	
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To State Missions		126.45
Grand total		878.06

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Mrs. Meserve, in the absence of Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, read summary of Annual Report.

Reported by the Woman's and Children's Mis-

sionary Societies of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina during 1903:

To Foreign Missions	$3,304.33	
To Christmas Offering	1,052.31	
Total to Foreign Missions		$4,356.64
To Home Missions	$1,269.08	
To Self-Denial Offering	750.59	
To Home Mission Boxes	2,746.20	
Total to Home Missions		4,765.87
To State Missions	$2,102.79	
To State Mission Boxes	96.00	
Total to State Missions		2,198.79
To Expense Fund		1.65
Grand total		11,322.95

Attention was called to the fact that the report failed to reach the aim of the year—which was 12,000 for Home, State and Foreign Missions. There was, however, much reason for encouragement as shown in the following contrast of the reports of 1902 and 1903:

New Societies organized in 1903, 91.

Societies reporting in 1903, 401

Increase to Christmas Offering in 1903, $293.66.

Total increase to Foreign Missions, including Christmas Offering, $795.65.

Increase in Self-Denial Offering, $89.35.

Total increase in monied contribution to Home Missions, including increase in Self-Denial Offering, $301.45.

Total monied increase to Home and Foreign Missions, $1,097.08.

The failure to reach the aim, $12,000, was owing to the fact that $567.43 less of Home Mission boxes had been reported up to the close of the report, although a number of boxes were nearly ready to be sent, and that nothing given to any object but Foreign, Home and State Missions is reported this year. Last year $193.41 had been reported to other objects.

The following Associational Vice-Presidents contrasted the present Mission work in their respective Associations, with the work of five years ago:

1. Mrs. W. A. Gwaltney, South Fork Association.
2. Mrs. Hamrick, Sandy Run Association.
3. Mrs. Ramseur, Kings Mountain Association.
4. Miss Hattie James, Beulah Association (read by Mrs. Chapel).
5. Miss E. A. Draughan, Buncombe Association.
6. Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Piedmont Association.
7. Mrs. S. A. Howard, South River Association.

8. Mrs. Delia Burke, South Yadkin Association.

A request for new Vice-Presidents was made.

The following committees were appointed:

Motto.—Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Miss Bertha Hicks, Miss Ida Dunn, Mrs. Sigmon, Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Mrs. H. Montague, Miss Fannie Moore.

Resolutions.—Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Mrs. Jno. Hankins, Mrs. C. H. Richardson, Mrs. Cora Paton, Miss Annie J. Taylor, Miss Laura Lazenby, Mrs. J. T. Farmer, Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Mrs. J. Weathers, Mrs. A. F. Yates.

Recommendations.—Miss E. A. Draughan, Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Petteway, Mrs. Ashley Horne, Mrs. Poteat, Mrs. A. L. Betts, Mrs. Murchison, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. A. E. Brown, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Pruett, Miss E. Briggs, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hamrick, Mrs. J. Q. Adams.

Adjournment.

Second Session—Thursday, 3.00 p. m.

Meeting opened with prayer and praise service.

Reading of Minutes.

The Conference on Methods.

How Our Associational Meeting Became a Success.—Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro; Mrs. Grayson, Rutherfordton, (read by Mrs. Betts); Mrs. Pope, Lumberton, (read by Mrs. Cowan).

How A Missionary Revival Came to Our

Church.—Miss Fannie Moore, Asheville; Mrs. Horton, High Point; Mrs. Cowan, Kinston.

The Secretaries of the Boards, Dr. R. J. Willingham, Dr. Frost, Dr. Gray, and Rev. Livingston Johnson, were introduced to the ladies, and spoke words of greeting and encouragement.

How We Made a Success Of a Society In a Small Church.—Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton.

How We Gained Our Young Women For Missions.—Miss Alma McDonald, Greensboro; Miss Mary Taylor, Wake Forest; Mrs. Carey Dowd, Charlotte.

How Our Reading Circle Succeeded.—Miss Mildred Watkins, Charlotte; Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Lumberton.

Some Successes With Children's Work.—Mrs. W. H. Lieth, Charlotte.

Adjournment.

Friday Morning, 9.30.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. G. C. Carpenter, Charlotte.

Reading of minutes.

Continuation of Method Conference.

Successes With Children.—Miss Fannie Moore, Asheville; Miss Shields, Scotland Neck; (read by Mrs. Farmer); Miss Elizabeth Briggs.

A Successful Society in the Country.—Mrs. Howell, of the Buckhorn Society, West Chowan Association.

The Annual Report of Mrs. W. N. Jones, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, presented in full to the delegates and total of each Association read by Mrs. Charles Meserve, Miss Heck locating each Association as its name was called.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1903.

Ashe and Alleghany Association—	
Mission Home	$1.46
Beaver Creek	9.00
	10.46
Atlantic—	
Tabernacle, New Bern	$41.30
Tabernacle, New Bern, Sunbeams	12.13
First Church, New Bern	99.90
First Church, New Bern, Sun.	15.00
Beaufort	1.75
Morehead City	13.55
Swansboro	25.28
Swansboro Sun.	1.06
Spring Garden	4.60
Woodville	1.00
	215.57
Beulah—	
Trinity	$6.94
Shiloh	7.90

Beulah—Continued.	
Yanceyville	$19.21
Ephesus	11.35
Lea Bethel	22.11
Clement	18.39
Semora	3.50
Kerr's Chapel	2.30
Yanceyville Sun.	2.50
	94.20
Brunswick—	
Antioch	$8.65
Bethel	10.00
Southport	13.75
Mill Creek	3.50
	35.90
Bladen—	
Galeed	$20.40
Buncombe—	
Beaver Dam Sun.	$1.40
First Church, Asheville	707.65
First Church, Asheville, Sun.	45.91
Cane Creek	17.83
Cane Creek Sun.	1.18
Beaver Dam	22.00
Antioch	15.64
Mrs. M. S. Buckner	1.00
Berea	6.25

Buncombe—Continued.

Asheville West End	$.50
French Broad, Asheville	2.00
Antioch Sun.	3.00
Fern Hill	27.00
	851.36

Brushy Mountain—

Wilkesboro	$17.10
Wilkesboro Sun.	2.40
	19.50

Carolina—

Fruitland	$2.00
Pleasant Hill	6.50
	8.50

Caldwell—

Lenoir	$13.25
Lenoir Sun.	1.51
	14.76

Cape Fear and Columbus—

Chadbourn	$16.13
Chadbourn Sun.	8.74
Whiteville	29.35
Whiteville Sun.	7.91
Smyrna Sun.	13.09
	75.22

Catawba River—	
North Catawba	$5.60
Cedar Creek—	
Rockfish	$32.00
Green Springs	5.23
Cedar Creek	22.10
Judson	2.12
Cumberland Union	4.30
	65.75
Chowan—	
Elizabeth City	$142.42
Elizabeth City Sun.	7.64
Blackwell's Memorial	22.45
Reynoldson	12.16
Sawyers Creek	16.60
Edenton	94.60
Shiloh	10.00
	305.87
Eastern—	
Clinton	$47.50
Clinton Y. L. S.	6.40
Clinton Sun.	9.38
Johnston's	8.17
Johnston's Sun.	6.59
Warsaw	28.62

Eastern—Continued.

Mt. Olive	$19.67
Mt. Olive Sun.	1.00
	127.33

Central—

Hopkins Chapel	$1.56
Flat Rock	35.11
Wake Forest	256.17
Wake Forest Y. L. S.	52.77
Wake Forest Sun.	2.00
Bethlehem	9.85
Youngsville	14.40
Youngsville Sun.	2.90
Bethany	8.73
Forestville Sun.	19.43
First Church, Raleigh	333.71
First Church, Raleigh, Y. L. S.	41.50
First Church, Raleigh, Sun.	48.00
Perry's Chapel Sun.	6.00
Perry's Chapel	2.47
Rolesville	3.82
Mt. Vernon	11.75
B. F. University	75.61
Rocky Ford Sun.	.82
Oak Grove	3.11
	929.71

Elkin—

Elkin	$9.16

French Broad—

Marshall	$4.45
Mars Hill	21.00
Mars Hill Sun.	1.56
Madison Seminary	2.06
	29.07

Flat River—

Creedmore	$19.80
Florence Avenue	22.96
Mt. Zion	21.68
Mt. Zion Sun.	4.29
Mill Creek	16.00
Oxford	208.46
Roxboro	6.00
Knott's Grove	5.37
Oxford, Maggie Nutt Soc.	64.00
Mill Creek Sun.	5.00
Oxford Girl's Band	7.25
Knap of Reeds	2.20
Rock Spring	3.15
	386.16

Green River—

Mountain Creek	$15.75
Rutherfordton	80.94
Rutherfordton Sun.	12.19
Montfords Cove	25.88
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Marion	18.05

Green River—Continued.	
Marion Sun.	$2.60
Dysartsville	6.65
Mt. Vernon	18.61
Round Hill	23.57
Mt. Vernon Sun.	1.50
Bethel	9.90
	225.64
Haywood—	
Waynesville	$31.12
Waynesville Sun.	1.60
Pleasant Hill	80.69
	113.41
Kings Mountain—	
New Bethel	$31.90
Mrs. J. H. Foyles	1.00
Cleveland Mills Sun.	2.70
New Bethel Sun.	3.60
Shelby	118.66
Elizabeth	5.26
	163.12
Liberty—	
Lexington	$27.66
Holloways	6.05
Lexington Sun.	10.50
	44.21

Little River—	
New Hill	$15.25
Dunn	20.00
	35.25
Montgomery—	
Mt. Gilead	$13.74
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—	
Tryon Street, Charlotte	$327.10
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Y. L. S.	178.83
Pritchard Memorial	52.00
Twelfth Street, Charlotte, Sun.	26.50
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Sun.	25.16
	609.59
Mt. Zion—	
First Church, Durham	$349.00
First Church, Durham, Sun.	50.00
First Church, Durham, Ernest Workers	78.76
Second Church, Durham	41.85
Second Church, Durham, Sun.	8.30
Burlington	7.25
Mt. Gilead	7.65
Chapel Hill	9.40
East Durham	16.50
Graham	38.49
Graham Sun.	4.20
Haw River	13.25
Mt. Gilead Sun.	4.24

Mt. Zion—Continued.

Bethel	$14.53
Lystra	8.85
Bells	1.00
Cedar Fork	35.48
West Durham	13.25
West Durham Sun.	6.25
Olivé Branch	1.15
Burlington Sun.	2.00
Olive's Chapel	5.07
Red Mountain	3.20
	719.67

New Found—

Macedonia	$1.50

Mitchell County—

Lilly Branch	$3.00
Lilly Branch Sun.	.30
Bear Creek	41.90
Roan Mountain	9.00
Silver's Chapel	7.15
Silver's Chapel Sun.	.56
Mrs. Lucretia Young	70.00
	131.91

Neuse—

Pollocksville	$18.75
Second Church, Goldsboro	13.05
First Church, Goldsboro	138.20

Neuse—Continued.	
First Church, Goldsboro, Girls' Band..	$32.40
Dover	1.80
Antioch	34.77
Kinston	238.50
Fort Barnwell	19.00
Fort Barnwell Sun.	4.00
Spring Garden	3.00
Kinston Sun.	6.09
Falling Creek	6.50
Pollocksville Sun.	3.35
Kinston Y. L. S.	21.35
Second Church, Goldsboro, Sun.	3.85
	544.61
Pee Dee—	
Ansonville	$16.95
Wadesboro	181.07
Rockingham Sun.	3.36
Pee Dee	8.00
Spring Hill	28.09
Polkton	12.30
Roberdel	15.40
Laurinburg Sun.	11.78
Laurinburg	56.60
Rockingham	19.35
Spring Hill, Lee Holland Society.....	8.50
Wadesboro Sun.	8.00
Lilesville	11.45
Lilesville Sun.	2.37
	383.22

Piedmont—

High Point	$105.29
Greensboro, Mary Newton Band	23.00
Greensboro, Y. L. S.	185.75
Greensboro	165.70
Reidsville	103.38
Worthville	3.00
Piedmont	3.00
Greensboro, Boy's Band	1.00
	590.12

Pilot Mountain—

Leaksville	$21.37
Salem Mission Sun.	15.00
Winston, First Church	173.60
Winston, First Church, Sun.	39.68
Waughtown	26.00
Broad Street, Winston	6.00
Mount Airy	42.33
Mount Airy Sun.	14.83
Lewisville	13.55
Winston, First Church, Y. L. S.	25.00
Madison	10.00
Mayodan	3.00
	390.36

Raleigh—

Apex	$47.00
Tabernacle, Raleigh	271.07
Tabernacle, Raleigh, Y. L. S.	25.12

Raleigh—Continued.

Tabernacle, Raleigh, Y. P. U.	$2.00
Cary	137.45
Cary, Y. L. S.	17.95
Clayton	178.00
Clayton, Junior Union	15.31
Holloway's	6.00
Salem	5.74
Holly Springs	12.00
Holly Springs Sun.	2.50
Wakefield	10.00
Hepzibah	5.18
Apex Sun.	2.44
Ephesus Sun.	9.75
	747.51

Robeson—

Maxton	$30.13
Ashpole	78.32
Ashpole Sun.	23.55
Parkton	16.55
Pleasant Hill	25.93
Fair Bluff	20.56
Fair Bluff Sun.	.65
Red Springs Sun.	17.22
Bear Swamp	9.35
Antioch	3.73
Saddle Tree	26.00
Long Branch	25.00
Lumberton	188.70

Robeson—Continued.

Raft Swamp	$16.00
Raft Swamp Sun.	3.70
Lumberton Sun.	14.90
Centerville	1.15
Back Swamp	23.72
Mount Moriah	6.20
Ashpole Sun., No. 2	3.28
Lumber Bridge	10.01
Bethany	3.63
Rowland	5.55
Lumber Bridge Sun.	4.37
Lumberton, Y. L. I.	16.20
Back Swamp Sun.	9.45
Maxton Sun.	4.65
Big Branch	9.75
	598.25

Sandy Run—

Mrs. L. D. Bell	$6.00
Immanuel	17.08
Henrietta	26.80
Henrietta Sun.	5.62
	55.50

Sandy Creek—

Aberdeen	$34.71
Pittsboro	68.10
Jonesboro	57.94
Carthage	32.20

Sandy Creek—Continued.

Carthage Sun.	$5.73
Cameron	25.50
Southern Pines	8.66
Pine Bluff	2.75
Pittsboro Sun.	5.20
Siler City	8.22
Cameron Sun.	4.12
Bethany	1.15
Sanford Sun.	7.08
Forest City	4.00
	265.36

South Fork—

Hickory	$86.60
Hickory Sun.	17.75
McAdensville	13.50
Lowell	12.00
Newton	5.28
Newton Sun.	3.58
Gastonia	98.48
Gastonia Sun.	15.72
Maiden	10.00
	262.91

South River—

Salem	$39.60
Salem Sun.	13.31
Fayetteville	51.04
Antioch	15.17

South River—Continued.

White Oak	$19.25
Magnolia	5.99
Autryville	2.60
Fayetteville Sun.	4.44
Concord	2.50
Clement	3.59
Mill Creek	1.00
Spring Branch Sun.	2.10
Spring Branch	17.00
	177.59

Stanly—

Albemarle	$36.00

South Yadkin—

Statesville	$81.68
Statesville Sun.	10.58
Mocksville	16.10
Mocksville Sun.	2.31
Statesville, Western Ave.	4.10
Cleveland	2.75
Spencer	4.75
Mrs. E. M. Fann	.75
	123.02

Tar River—

Pleasant Grove	$5.00
Sandy Creek	17.00
Henderson	88.62

Tar River—Continued.

Wilson	$66.70
Weldon	82.30
Scotland Neck	233.40
Rocky Mount	28.60
Poplar Spring	36.47
Washington	57.63
Hobgood	16.50
Hickory	9.26
Louisburg	120.65
Greenville Memorial	103.35
Warren Plains	13.18
Louisburg Sun.	8.50
Mount Zion	4.90
Battleboro	4.28
Washington Sun.	2.27
Scotland Neck Sun.	31.00
	929.61

Tuckaseegee—

Webster	$1.82

Transylvania—

Brevard	$2.42

Union—

Marshville	$6.15
Waxhaw	2.56
Monroe	200.00

Union—Continued.

Monroe Sun.	$13.25
Meadow Branch	3.36
	225.32

West Chowan—

Robert's Chapel	$11.00
Mount Tabor	29.63
Potecasi	23.98
Hebron	19.72
Seaboard	5.95
Meherrin	6.46
Rich Square	21.45
Woodland	14.27
Roanoke	2.73
Buckhorn	114.45
Christian Harbor	5.00
Mount Carmel	21.12
Holly Grove School-House	20.00
Murfreesboro Sun.	16.66
Mount Pleasant	3.00
Cashie Sun.	12.30
Cashie	14.77
Elam	18.71
Murfreesboro, C. B. F. Institute	6.00
Pine Forest	8.05
Chowan	38.19
Jackson	22.79
Ahoskie	22.50
Rich Square Sun.	8.53

West Chowan—Continued.

Roanoke Sun.	$3.08
Jackson Sun.	.96
Lawrence Cross Roads	7.00
Buckhorn Sun.	7.53
Creeksville	22.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Galatia	21.57
Pleasant Grove	7.57
Aulander	5.00
Aulander Sun.	5.00
	548.97

Wilmington—

First Church, Wilmington	$91.50
Southside, Wilmington	20.00
Southside, Wilmington, Sun.	14.89
Jacksonville	7.00
	133.39

No Association Given—

Fleetwood	$2.15
A Volunteer Teacher	1.40
Miss M. Holloway	1.00
Mrs. P. G. Hartsell	1.00
Atkinson	5.00
Hamilton	5.00
Bethel	22.75
Atkinson Sun.	1.00
Mrs. Joanna Brown	5.00

No Association Given—Continued.		
Stedman		$1.42
Miss Venie Wilson		3.00
Deep Springs		2.00
		50.72
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MISS F. E. S. HECK,
President W. C. C. of Missions.

MRS. WESLEY N. JONES,
Secretary and Treasurer.

A letter of greeting from Miss Lottie Price, of Shanghai, our Second Yates Memorial Missionary and Principal of the Eliza Yates Memorial School for Chinese Girls, presented to the Foreign Mission work by Mrs. Seamans, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Yates, was read by Miss Bertha Hicks, of Oxford.

Miss Hicks was requested to respond to Miss Price.

Dr. R. T. Bryan, of Shanghai, spoke of the Chinese Woman's Need of the Gospel, and the Gospel's Need of the Chinese Woman.

Dr. R. J. Willingham spoke of the dirth of suitable workers volunteering for foreign fields, and urged not only the young women to consider this, but the mothers present to dedicate their children to this high calling.

The recommendations of the Central Committee for the year 1904, read on behalf of the Committee by Miss Mary Taylor, were unanimously adopted, as follows:

Recommendations of the Committee.

In recognition of the blessings of the past, and in dependence on prayer for the future, we recommend for the year 1904 as follows:

1. United Prayer.—That greater emphasis be placed on this, the source of power, and that to direct our hearts in united petitions, the topics on the Mission Card be followed month by month.

2. United Study.—Since a knowledge of mission fields is important for greater interest and larger giving, that each adult society follow the United States Course, Rex Christus, an outline of Chinese missions, being the basis of study; that as far as possible each organization supply itself with a Missionary Library, and increase the

circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, Kind Words, and other missionary magazines.

3. A Literary Secretary.—That each Society appoint a Literary Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take subscriptions for missionary magazines, see that the missionary library is kept in circulation and keep on hand, and distribute missionary leaflets.

4. Increase of Membership and of Societies.—In view of the fact that at present but a small part of the women and children of the churches and Sunday-schools with which the Societies are connected are members of them or are taking other active part in Mission work, that one of the chief aims of this year's work be to double the membership of all existing Societies, success or failure in this to be reported at our next annual meeting. To reach those who cannot attend, the Home Department is specially commended. That in view of the fact that more than two-thirds of the churches of our Convention are still without Societies, each of those now organized endeavor to plant one in a neighboring church.

5. Concentration of Effort.—That the aim of each Woman's Missionary Society be to give not less than ten cents a month per member for Home, State and Foreign Missions, the objects represented and reported by the Central Committee; that if other objects commend themselves to the Societies for gifts, they be assisted by extra

offerings or additional dues; the ten cents a month above-mentioned being held sacred for the primary purposes of the Societies.

6. Foreign Missions and the Christmas Offering.—That the Christmas Offering this year be made fifteen hundred dollars, that we may add a third Yates Memorial Missionary, and thus man "The Triangle" mapped out by Doctor Yates, and that with this offering be coupled the Week of Prayer for Missions in which all the churches shall be invited to unite; that we shall give to Foreign Missions, including the Christmas offering, the sum of five thousand dollars.

7. Home Missions.—That in view of the rapidly increasing population in the Southern States and the great opportunity for work in Cuba, Home Missions be given a growing place in our thoughts and contributions, and that we give to this object $2,500 in money. That the Week of Prayer and Self-denial in March shall be a time of special offering; the early fall for box packing.

8. State Missions.—That we observe a Thanksgiving Day for State Missions—the second week in June—and that we give to State Missions during the year the sum of $2,500—$800 of which shall be devoted to Volunteer Missions.

9. Young Ladies' Societies.—That the young ladies of our churches be urged to organize for Mission work, special note of progress along this line being made at our next annual meeting.

10. The Sunbeams.—That we double the number of children Societies.

11. Vice-Presidents and Associational Meetings.—That the Societies come into close relations with the Vice-President and other Societies in their respective Associations, reporting quarterly to the Vice-President, and assisting her in holding fifth Sunday and Associational Missionary Meeting.

12. Aim for 1904.—That in pursuance of the work above outlined, we take as our aim for 1904:

(a) Doubling the membership of the Societies already organized.

(b) Contributing of thirteen thousand dollars in money and boxes to State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. E. K. Procter, of Lumberton, led in prayer.

On motion of Mrs. M. V. Follett, of Durham, seconded by Mrs. A. L. Betts, of Mt. Airy, the following resolution was adopted after discussion by Miss Eva Liddell, Mrs. Franklin, and others:

Resolved 1. That the Societies raise $500 for the Yates' Memorial College for Boys, for which Dr. Bryan is endeavoring to raise $15,000.

2. That this $500 be over and above the $5,000 for Foreign Missions mentioned in the recommendations of the Central Committee.

Mrs. A. L. Betts moved that pledges for the Yates Memorial College for Boys be taken at once.

The roll of delegates was called, and the ladies present pledged themselves to endeavor to raise $186.00.

Report of the Committee on Plans of Work, made by Miss E. A. Draughan for Committee, was adopted, as follows:

We endorse the recommendation of the Central Committee, and suggest:

A faithful observance of the first two recommendations will enable us to carry out our plans for the year, and make these recommendations a reality. We can do all things through Christ.

Missionary Work In Our B. F. U. was spoken of by Miss Sophie Lanneau.

Sunday School Teacher's Opportunity.—Mrs. Jo. Weathers, Raleigh.

The Missionary Society In Our Orphanage.—Miss McCracken, Thomasville.

Report of Committee on Motto for 1904, presented by Mrs. Cowan, and adopted as follows:

"Loop up and not down, look out and not in, look forward and not backward—and lend a hand.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Open congress in which helpful suggestions for Woman's Work were made by Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Follett, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Weathers, and Mrs. Marr.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions,

as presented by Mrs. Proctor, was adopted, as follows:

Resolved 1. That we wish to offer our thanksgiving and praise, to our Lord and Master, whose we are, and whom we try to serve, for His manifold blessings on us, to whom He has intrusted this great work. That we wish to laud and magnify His Great and Holy Name.

2. That we lay especial emphasis on prayer throughout this entire year, and with renewed efforts, endeavor to reach our aim of $13,000 for State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

3. We tender our heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Charlotte, and to the Reception Committee, for their hospitality, so graciously extended to the delegates and visiting ladies.

4. We return thanks, and greatly appreciate the kindness of the pastor and members of Tryon Street Methodist Church for the use of their commodious building.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. F. YATES,
MRS. J. S. FARMER,
MRS. E. K. PROCTOR, JR.,
For Committee.

Miss Heck spoke of the United Study Course for the coming year, and urged all Societies to follow it. The book on which the study will be based is Rex Christus, an outline study of China.

The first program of the twelve for the year was presented to the ladies.

Attention was called to the Missionary Book. store, a new feature of the thirteenth meeting. In "the Store" were samples of books for Mission Study to be obtained from the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C. It was presided over by Mrs. R. H. Jordan and Mrs. Fannie Taylor, of Charlotte. The closing moments were spent in prayer, many ladies taking part in these closing petitions.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Elizabeth City, December, 1904.

The ladies of the Tryon Street Baptist Church tendered a reception to the visiting ladies and their entertainers at the parsonage, Saturday afternoon, December 12th, from four to six.

List of Delegates.

Mrs. A. C. Barron, Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. C. H. Richardson, Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Miss A. McDonald, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Mrs. Geo. N. Cowan, Mrs. G. G. O'Neill, Mrs. W. F. Fry, Mrs. H. A. Brown, Mrs. W. J. Conrad, Mrs. H. Montague, Mrs. Jno. H. Hankins, Miss Margaret Harriss, Mrs. J. W. Watson, Miss Elizabeth U. Briggs, Mrs. J. O. Murchison, Mrs. C. M. Follett, Miss Sallie Jones, Mrs. S. A. Howard, Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mrs. Geo. E. Nissen, Mrs. H. B. Marsh, Mrs. C. J. Woodson, Mrs. Ashley Horne, Mrs. T. J. Ramsaur, Mrs. D. F. Putnam, Miss Sophie

S. Lanneau, Miss Clara Johnson, Miss Hattie Liles, Mrs. Jo. H. Weathers, Mrs. W. C. Dowd, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr., Mrs. L. A. Chappell, Miss E. A. Draughan, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Miss Blanche Haynes, Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Mrs. S. L. Sincegood, Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Miss Elizabeth Caddell, Miss Eva Liddell, Mrs. J. S. Farmer, Mrs. T. G. Hamrick, Mrs. W. M. Petway, Mrs. T. Taylor, Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Miss Ida M. Dunn, Miss Maude V. Smith, Mrs. Floy W. Cooper, Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Miss Laura Lazenby, Mrs. F. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Cora B. Ealon, Miss Annie J. Taylor, Miss F. G. Stephenson, Mrs. M. A. Sigmon, Mrs. A. H. Sims, Miss Carrie St. Clair, Miss Fannie Moore, Mrs. A. F. Yates, Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Mrs. L. R. Pruett, Mrs. C. L. Dowell, Miss Zoe Dunmas, Miss Lillian Patterson, Miss Mayonia Fortner, Miss Maude Buchanan, Miss Bertha Hicks, Mrs. S. D. Howell, Mrs. T. B. Henry, Mrs. A. L. Betts, Mrs. G. W. Green, Miss Sammie Graves, Miss Georgia Robertson, Mrs. B. A. Horton, Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Mrs. Hight C. Moore.

Association Vice-Presidents for 1904.

Beulah.—Miss Hattie James, Ridgeville.

Brunswick.—Mrs. David Ward, Suburb.

Buncombe.—Miss E. A. Draughan, Asheville.

Carolina.—Mrs. Harriett Gibson, Hendersonville.

Central.—Mrs. R. J. Conyers, Youngsville.

Cedar Creek.—Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills.

Eastern.—Miss Florence Hubbard, Clinton.
French Broad.—Mrs. W. H. Woodall.
Green River.—Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton.
Haywood.—Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde.
King's Mountain.—Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, Cleveland Mills.
Mitchell County.—Mrs. Lucretia Young, Ledger.
Mt. Zion.—Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Chapel Hill.
Neuse.—Mrs. H. L. Grant, Greensboro.
Pee Dee.—Mrs. T. B. Henry.
Piedmont.—Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
Raleigh.—Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Cary.
Robeson.—Mrs. H. B. Pope, Lumberton.
South Fork.—Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory.
South Yadkin.—Mrs. D. Burke, Statesville.
South River.—Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg.
Sandy Run.—Mrs. T. G. Hamrick, Caroleen.
Tar River.—Mrs. Josiah Crudup, Washington.
Johnson County.—Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton.
Liberty.—Mrs. G. P. Harrell, Thomasville.
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.—Mrs. W. G. Rogers, Charlotte.
Union.—W. F. Watson, Monroe.
West Chowan.—Mrs. E. G. Harrell, Woodland.
Brushy Mountain.—Mrs. James W. McNeill, Wilkesboro.
Stanly.—Mrs. T. A. Burris, Albemarle.

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SUMMARY

Societies reporting for 1903	401
Societies reporting in 1904	442
Total reported by Societies in 1900	$9,710.84
Total reported by Societies in 1901	9,766.39
Total reported by Societies in 1902	11,033.13
Total reported by Societies in 1903	11,322.95
Total reported by Societies in 1904	14,287.93

Motto for 1905: Hold fast to that which is good.—I. Thess. 5:21. Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. —Zec. 4:6.

Aim for 1905: The organization of one hundred and fifty new Societies; the giving of $16,500 to State, Home and Foreign Missions.

	1903.	1904.
To Foreign Missions	$3,304.33	$3,590.97
To Christmas Offering	1,052.31	1,121.08
For Yates College		402.67
Total for Foreign Missions	4,356.64	5,114.72
Home Missions	$1,269.08	$1,527.03
Week of Self-Denial	750.59	973.02
Value of boxes	2,746.20	4,179.24
Total Home Missions	4,765.87	6,679.29
State Missions	$2,102.79	$2,412.02
State Mission Boxes	96.00	77.50
Total to State Missions	2,198.79	2,489.52
Sunday-school Board		1.50
Expense Fund		2.90
Grand Total		14,287.93

Summary of contributions of Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina to State, Home and Foreign Missions since appointment of the Woman's Central Committee:

1886	$1,000.95
1887	1,718.46
1888	1,881.59
1889	1,940.40
1890	1,921.56
1891	3,128.14
1892	3,916.85
1893*	4,955.71
1894	2,374.97
1895	4,491.88
1896	3,969.54
1897	6,272.83
1898	6,893.00
1899	8,777.98
1900	9,710.84
1901	9,666.36
1902	11,008.13
1903	11,322.95
1904	14,287.93
Total	109,534.07

*Centennial contributions included.

Constitution of Annual Meeting

PREAMBLE

Believing the work of the W. M. Societies, and through them the mission cause, will be greatly

advanced by an Annual Meeting, we, their representatives, organize with the following

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this body shall be "The Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina."

2. This body shall be composed of one representative from each Society (with four additional representatives from the local Society), one adult female representative from each Mission Band in correspondence with the Central Committee. Members of the Central Committee shall be members by right of office. All other members of Societies shall be welcome visitors, but only representatives shall be entitled to vote.

3. The object of this meeting shall be to discuss and recommend plans for the furtherance of the work.

4. This meeting shall be held in the same city, and at the same time, as the Baptist State Convention.

5. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by ballot at the first annual session.

6. Representatives from seven Societies shall constitute a quorum.

7. The programme of the meetings shall be prepared by a joint committee of the Central Committee and the local Society.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at a regular Annual Meeting, three months' notice of desired change having been given the Central Committee.

Note.—The Central Committee, consisting of thirteen ladies from Raleigh, and the Association Vice-Presidents, is not appointed by the Annual Meeting, but by the State Board of Missions, which is appointed by the Baptist State Convention. The Central Committee is thus a Committee of the Convention, and as such reports to it, as well as The Woman's Annual Meeting, each year. All these ladies serve without compensation, the only expenses of the Committee being for postage, printing and stationery.

The officers of the Central Committee are: President—Miss F. E. S. Heck; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. N. Jones; Band Superintendent—Miss E. N. Briggs, Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, convened in the Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth City, December 8, 1904, at 9.30 o'clock, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck presiding.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. W. F. Fry, of Goldsboro.

Mr. E. F. Lamb welcomed the ladies in behalf of the citizens of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Lula Butt Bradford, in behalf of the Baptist women, and Mrs. T. G. Hollowell for the other denominations of Elizabeth City, accorded the visiting women a most hearty welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Kate Griffin, of Woodland.

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh, called the meeting to order, and the following officers were elected by acclamation.

President.—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh.

First Vice-President.—Mrs. J. W. Morgan, of Weldon.

Second Vice-President.—Mrs. A. L. Betts, of Mt. Airy.

Secretary.—Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, of Scotland Neck.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Lula Butt Bradford, of Elizabeth City.

Miss Heck, as President of the Woman's Central Committee of Missions, delivered the annual address.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Committee, was not able to be present on account of the illness of her very dear friend, Mrs. T. H. Briggs, of Raleigh. Her report was presented and read as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Ashe and Alleghany Association—	
Beaver Creek	$1.50
Atlantic—	
Morehead City	$58.80
Swansboro	20.15
Swansboro Sun.	2.00
First Church, New Bern	62.57
First Church, New Bern Sun.	14.60
Davis	3.67
Total	161.79
Beulah—	
Lea Bethel	$31.06
Clement	13.04
Yanceyville	17.16
Yanceyville Sun.	3.50
Trinity	6.75
Association	8.25
Shiloh	3.35
Ephesus	4.22
Total	87.33
Brunswick—	
Mill Creek	$8.00
Mill Creek Sun.	1.00
Southport	38.27

Brunswick—Continued.	
Southport Sun.	$2.00
Antioch	16.05
Bethel	12.50
Long Branch	1.40
Total	79.22
Brushy Mountain—	
Wilkesboro	$25.02
North Wilkesboro	18.00
Total	43.02
Buncombe—	
Cane Creek	$15.57
Cane Creek Sun.	1.81
Cane Creek, No. 2	4.31
Beaver Dam	21.65
Antioch	8.52
Morgan Hill	5.85
Asheville First Church	675.26
Antioch Sun.	6.90
Macedonia	1.50
Berea	3.50
Asheville Sun.	35.95
Asheville, West End	38.48
Total	819.30

Bladen—	
Abbottsburg	$1.70
Galeed	30.00
Total	31.70
Cape Fear and Columbus—	
Whiteville	$28.13
Whiteville Sun.	8.64
Chadbourn	14.40
Chadbourn Sun.	11.84
Smyrna	8.75
Smyrna Sun.	12.45
Total	84.21
Carolina—	
Fruitland	$5.00
Caldwell—	
Lenoir	$12.65
Cedar Creek—	
Rockfish	$33.25
Cedar Creek	27.65
Green Springs	4.70
Cumberland Union	4.64
Hope Mills	26.33
Bladen Union	6.00
Total	102.57

Central—	
B. F. University	$39.50
First Church, Raleigh	355.89
First Church, Raleigh, Y. L. S.	73.77
First Church, Raleigh, Sun.	34.60
First Church, Raleigh, O. and E. Band.	10.15
Youngsville	44.50
Youngsville Sun.	1.50
Wake Forest	234.70
Wake Forest Y. L. S.	59.55
Wake Forest Sun.	16.33
Dayton	1.35
Rolesville	4.65
Bethany	10.54
Raleigh First Church Boys' Band	10.00
Forestville Sun.	6.00
Bethlehem	13.50
Olive Branch	1.45
Oak Grove	4.54
Flat Rock	53.30
Perry's Chapel	7.25
Oak Grove Sun.	2.05
Mt. Vernon	6.00
Total	991.12
Chowan—	
Edenton	$115.96
Elizabeth City	34.08
Sawyer's Creek	23.75
Reynoldson	5.92

Chowan—Continued.	
Warwick	$18.12
Middle Swamp	7.19
Total	205.02
Eastern—	
Clinton	$65.83
Clinton Y. L. S.	29.25
Clinton Sun.	12.67
Corinth	8.40
Warsaw	15.55
Johnston's	8.37
Bethel	3.73
Johnston's Sun.	3.16
Mount Olive	34.50
La Grange	6.20
Lisbon	.80
Total	188.46
French Broad—	
Mars Hill	$23.63
Mars Hill Sun.	6.14
Marshall	9.38
Piney Mountain	3.50
Little Ivy	3.25
Total	45.90

Flat River—	
Florence Avenue	$54.20
Creedmore	18.25
Oxford	212.95
Oxford, Girl's Society	26.45
Oxford, Maggie Nutt Society	6.70
Mount Zion	18.22
Mount Zion Sun.	1.63
Oxford Y. L. S.	11.00
Roxboro	25.25
Mill Creek	46.00
Knap of Reeds	4.57
Mill Creek Sun.	2.00
Rock Spring	2.40
Knott's Grove	1.85
Total	431.47
Green River—	
Rutherfordton	$90.78
Rutherfordton Sun.	15.70
Marion	20.72
Pleasant Hill	8.11
Mount Vernon	14.71
Mountain Creek	2.00
Round Hill	9.55
Montford's Cove	11.55
Mount Vernon Sun.	3.70
Clear Creek	3.03
Total	179.91

Haywood—	
Waynesville	$95.13
Pleasant Hill	17.86
Total	112.99
Johnston County—	
Clayton	$180.50
Clayton Junior Union	24.23
Smithfield	83.50
Selma	7.15
Smithfield Sun.	3.00
Clyde's Chapel	4.11
Benson	13.20
Clayton, Girls' Band	2.32
Total	318.01
Kings Mountain—	
New Bethel	$16.57
Cherryville	8.00
Cleveland Mills	4.30
Cleveland Mills Sun.	.46
Shelby	79.18
King's Mountain	17.75
New Bethel Sun.	.84
Boiling Springs	12.45
Shelby Sun.	4.22
Lawndale	1.75
Total	145.52

Little River—	
New Hill	$19.00
Dunn	5.00
Total	24.00
Liberty—	
Lexington	$33.05
Thomasville	115.55
Lexington Sun.	8.25
Thomasville Sun.	10.72
Total	167.57
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus—	
Tryon Street, Charlotte	$396.80
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Y. L. S.	160.05
Tryon Street, Charlotte, Sun.	76.91
Pritchard Memorial	49.00
Twelfth Street, Charlotte, Sun.	6.00
Miss L. D. Price	4.00
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte	35.00
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte, Sun.	8.00
Total	735.76
Montgomery—	
Mt. Gilead	$7.25
Mitchell County—	
Bear Creek	$45.21

Mitchell County—Continued.	
Silver's Chapel	$7.03
Roan Mountain	5.00
Cane Creek	1.50
Mrs. Lucretia Young	100.00
Total	158.74
Mount Zion—	
Antioch	$2.50
Graham	23.22
Durham Second Church	121.80
Durham, Second Church, Sun.	10.40
Durham First Church	711.65
Durham, First Church, Sun.	51.06
Red Mountain	30.33
West Chapel Hill	12.85
Bynum	24.84
Cane Creek	4.00
Lystra	12.30
West Durham	62.10
Chapel Hill	71.05
Cedar Fork	32.15
Burlington	10.93
Olive's Chapel	77.01
West Durham Sun.	10.50
East Durham	4.15
Hillsboro	8.10
Robeson's Grove	6.50
Bells	1.45
Mount Pisgah	27.12

Mount Zion—Continued.	
Mount Gilead	$10.30
Burlington Sun.	1.00
Chapel Hill Sun.	10.00
Bethel	12.45
Olive Branch	2.40
Edgemont	5.00
Edgemont Sun.	6.66
Red Mountain Sun.	1.15
East Durham Sun.	5.00
Bethesdis	3.00
Association—Mrs. Follett	10.00
Bethel Sun.	.80
Total	1,383.77
Neuse—	
Goldsboro Y. L. S.	$3.25
Sandy Bottom	1.30
Pollocksville	17.95
Goldsboro, First Church	147.40
Goldsboro Sunday-school	12.00
Goldsboro Sun.	24.95
Kinston	229.70
Kinston Sun.	25.00
Antioch	44.25
Fort Barnwell	20.00
Fort Barnwell Sun.	2.50
Tabernacle, New Bern, Sun.	5.47
Tabernacle, New Bern	173.70
Goldsboro, Second Church	29.00
Spring Garden	1.20

Neuse—Continued.	
Kinston, Y. L. S.	$19.65
Winterville	3.05
Goldsboro, Girls' Band	10.00
Seven Springs	2.10
New Hope	3.40
Total	775.87
Pee Dee—	
Pee Dee	$2.00
Laurinburg	119.80
Spring Hill	62.20
Spring Hill Sun.	7.75
Roberdel	47.88
Lilesville	28.88
Lilesville Y. P. S.	16.21
Polkton	14.70
Rockingham	53.64
Rockingham Sun.	8.72
Wadesboro	204.51
Wadesboro Sun.	3.75
Ansonville	9.35
Mrs. T. B. Henry	5.00
Lilesville Sun.	3.75
Gum Springs	5.25
Steele's Mill	1.50
Total	594.89

Piedmont—	
Reidsville	$70.90
Greensboro	152.75
Greensboro Y. L. S.	133.75
Greensboro, Mary Newton Band	4.56
High Point	175.89
High Point Sun.	8.60
Total	546.45
Pilot Mountain—	
Winston, First Church	$222.75
Winston, First Church, Sun.	47.15
Madison	7.00
Mount Airy	24.60
Mount Airy Sun.	20.00
Deep Springs	13.10
Broad Street, Winston	9.50
Salem Mission Sun.	15.00
Leaksville	23.07
Mount Airy Y. P. S.	5.00
Deep Springs Sun.	6.50
Waughtown	11.00
Lewisville	9.40
Madison Sun.	3.75
Total	417.82
Raleigh—	
Hepzibah	$17.28
Cary	129.87

Raleigh—Continued.	
Cary Y. L. S.	$61.78
Apex	70.50
Apex Sun.	5.68
Holly Springs	20.95
Holly Springs Sun.	2.20
Mount Hermon	6.50
Tabernacle, Raleigh	226.82
Fayetteville Street, Raleigh	17.69
Salem	1.00
Wakefield	15.00
Green Level	19.99
Association	10.00
Garner	2.25
Total	607.51
Robeson—	
Parkton	$13.00
Maxton	35.25
Lumber Bridge	47.74
Lumberton	165.91
Long Branch	23.60
Lumberton Y. L. S.	171.20
Lumberton Sun.	15.95
Saddle Tree	33.65
Ashpole	88.25
Ashpole Sun.	23.94
Ashpole Sun., No. 2	6.98
Raft Swamp	19.65
Lumber Bridge Sun.	3.09
Lumber Bridge Y. P. S.	.70

Robeson—Continued.	
Fair Bluff	$18.96
Rowland	12.55
Bear Swamp	8.50
Red Springs Sun.	11.73
Lumberton, No. 2	$10.00
Maxton Sun.	6.15
Bethany	1.85
Big Branch	26.12
Pleasant Hill	27.30
Back Swamp Sun.	2.84
Lumberton Sun., No. 2	2.80
Pleasant Grove	2.40
Long Branch Sun.	1.10
Red Springs	46.09
Back Swamp	21.25
Total	848.55
Sandy Run—	
Forest City	$3.30
Bethel	15.52
Immanuel	17.90
Henrietta	37.93
Immanuel Sun.	5.19
Henrietta Sun.	2.32
Total	82.16
Sandy Creek—	
Jonesboro	$16.00
Pittsboro	87.67

Sandy Creek—Continued.	
Siler City	$26.11
Aberdeen	29.60
Carthage	107.10
Carthage Sun.	12.52
Bethany	22.37
Southern Pines	8.90
Pittsboro Sun.	3.95
Cameron	33.85
Cameron Sun.	9.23
Pine Bluff	5.75
Jonesboro Sun.	1.75
Sanford	7.41
Total	390.06
South Fork—	
Newton	$1.20
Gastonia	141.43
McAdensville	7.25
Hickory	33.85
Hickory Sun.	8.45
Newton Sun.	.75
Maiden	10.00
Olivet	6.75
Gastonia Sun.	14.06
Total	223.74
South River—	
White Oak	$21.00
Salem	56.14

South River—Continued.

Salem Sun.	12.05
Spring Branch	39.94
Concord	10.00
Fayetteville	64.07
Fayetteville Sun.	27.00
Clement	1.29
Salem Y. L. S.	.57
Antioch	13.00
Mill Creek	1.00
Mrs. Helen Spell	1.00
Total	247.06

South Yadkin—

Spencer	$25.15
Spencer Sun.	5.00
Statesville, First Church	166.18
Statesville Sun.	14.27
Statesville, Western Avenue	11.25
Salisbury, Chestnut Hill	9.61
Mooresville	8.76
Salisbury	48.46
Mocksville	18.11
Mocksville Sun.	7.28
Salisbury Y. L. S.	1.00
Association	20.25
Statesville Junior Union	13.06
Cleveland	1.00
Total	349.38

Surry—	
Elkin	$13.01
Stanly—	
Locust	$5.99
Albemarle	38.00
Norwood	2.35
Abbottsburg	4.70
Total	51.04
Transylvania—	
Tryon	$3.50
Tar River—	
Warren Plains	$11.48
Rocky Mount	98.76
Sandy Creek	14.00
Scotland Neck	198.22
Scotland Neck Sun.	53.91
Scotland Neck Mission Class	39.86
Washington	84.89
Washington Sun.	4.38
Greenville	178.05
Greenville Sun.	1.55
Mount Zion	3.40
Popular Springs	29.14
Henderson	202.15
Wilson	87.70
Hobgood	23.50
Weldon	152.48

Tar River—Continued.	
Weldon Sun.	$9.16
Louisburg	41.75
Louisburg Sun.	8.88
Stoney Creek	6.67
North Rocky Mount	8.50
Columbia	2.50
Columbia Sun.	3.00
Tarboro	9.30
Rocky Mount Sun.	10.00
Tarboro Sun.	2.17
Pleasant Grove	2.03
Hickory	$6.53
Warrenton	107.70
Henderson Sun.	5.75
Philadelphia	2.45
Fremont	5.00
Total	1,414.86
Tuckaseegee—	
Dillsboro	$1.70
Webster	4.00
Total	5.70
Union—	
Marshville	$19.15
Marshville Sun.	1.60
Monroe	165.17
Meadow Branch	2.75
Total	188.67

West Chowan—

Rich Square	$25.00
Mt. Tabor	41.48
Chowan	95.63
Cashie	73.00
Seaboard	22.83
Lawrence X Roads	10.00
Hebron	36.27
Union	2.82
Buckhorn	133.57
Woodland	26.94
Ahoskie	35.00
Potecasi	31.43
Rich Square Sun.	.20
Murfreesboro Sun.	27.32
Windsor	2.40
Elam	8.70
Windsor Sun.	12.05
Galatia	23.10
Mt. Carmel	20.00
Roanoke	6.70
Holly Grove School House	23.90
Jackson	23.07
Pine Forest	5.25
Chowan Sun.	7.75
Roanoke Sun.	6.70
Roberts Chapel	14.39
Meherrin Sun.	2.43
Bethany	10.00
Hebron Sun.	1.00
Cashie Sun.	25.45

West Chowan—Continued.	
Woodland Sun.	$2.03
Pleasant Grove	4.50
Creeksville	17.00
Total	777.91
Western North Carolina—	
Bellevue	$1.00
Wilmington—	
Wilmington	$146.58
Wilmington Sun.	11.00
Wilmington Southside	12.50
Wilmington Southside Sun.	5.00
Total	175.08
No Association given—	
North Fork	$1.75
Bethel	9.60
Lennon's X Roads	2.50
St. John's	3.73
Core Creek	4.98
Blanch	3.28
Hamilton	5.36
Castalia	.52
Bloomingdale	4.00
Swift Creek	1.05

Mossie Hill Sun.	$8.00
Olivet	3.10
Total	47.87
Grand total	$14,287.93

Of this amount the Sunbeam Societies contributed:

To Foreign Missions	$531.53	
To Christmas Offering	108.23	
To Yates College	41.21	
Total Foreign Missions		$680.97
To Home Missions	$127.53	
To Home Mission Boxes	54.35	
To Self-Denial Offering	44.59	
Total Home Missions		226.47
To State Missions		159.88
Grand total		1,067.32

Appropriated as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$3,590.97	
To Christmas Offering	1,121.08	
To Yates College	402.67	
Total Foreign Missions		$5,114.72
To Home Missions	$1,527.03	

To Self-Denial Offering	$973.02	
To Self-Denial Offering	973.02	
To Home Mission Boxes	4,179.24	
Total Home Missions		6,679.29
To State Missions	$2,412.02	
To State Mission Boxes	77.50	
Total State Missions		2,489.52
To Sunday-school Board		1.50
To Expense Fund		2.90
Grand total		14,287.93

Respectfully submitted,

MISS F. E. S. HECK,
President W. C. C.

MRS. WESLEY N. JONES, Sec. Treas.

Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Band Superintendent of the State, was not present on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. T. H. Briggs.

The work of the Sunbeam Bands under her care was as follows:

Contribution From Sunbeam Societies.

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Miss Briggs had prepared a list of Bands showing their regularity in reporting by the different colored stars. Gold stars, four quarters; silver stars, three; blue stars, two; red stars, one. The table showing regularity in reporting and aim for 1905 is as follows:

Comparing Reports.	1903.	1904.
Number Gold Star Bands	14	21
Number Silver Star Bands	20	17
Number Blue Star Bands	22	33
Number Red Star Bands	38	36
Number Bands reporting	94	107
Total amounts reported	$878.06	$1,067.32

Aim for 1905—150 Bands on the Star Roll; $1,400.00 for Missions.

Rev. Livingston Johnson spoke on "The Future Church."

Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, spoke; taking for his subject "Women and the Ministry."

Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Vice-President of the Piedmont Association gave a summary of the work of the Associational Presidents in a paper presented by Mrs. C. W. Duke, of Elizabeth City.

By motion from Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, of Durham, the body rose and offered special prayer for Mrs. T. H. Briggs, of Raleigh.

Mrs. Follett, Mrs. Thomas Gorman and Mrs. C. H. Norton were appointed a committee to write to Miss Elizabeth Briggs expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the entire body, and the regret felt because of her absence.

Adjournment.

Second Session—Thursday.

Meeting opened with prayer and praise service. Lead by Mrs. A. L. Betts.

Reading of minutes.

"My Associational Work," spoken to by Mrs. A. L. Betts, Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Mrs. Kate Griffin, Miss Hattie James.

The following committees were appointed:

Obituary.—Mrs. Kate Griffin, Mrs. Azor Schell, Mrs. C. H. Morton, Mrs. C. M. MacIntosh, Mrs. T. S. White, Mrs. C. W. Harrell.

Motto.—Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Miss Maude Smith, Mrs. Annie White, Mrs. Cora Phelps, Miss Louise Wilson.

Recommendations.—Mrs. George Dowell, Miss Hattie James, Mrs. A. L. Betts, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Mrs. T. E. Gardner, Mrs. P. S. Parsons, Mrs. J. Massee, Mrs. C. W. Howell.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Fry, Miss Williamson, Mrs. J. H. Davenport.

On Letter.—Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Mrs. S. M. Gorman, Mrs. C. H. Morton.

"How the Women of Our Association Were Organized," by Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Durham, Vice-President of Mount Zion Association.

Open Congress on Methods.

"How Every Woman Was Interested in Our Mission Box." Mrs. W. F. Marshall, (read by Miss Annie Biggs).

"How to Follow a Regular Course of Mission Study." Mrs. E. L. Remsburg, Fayetteville, (read by Miss Stradley); Mrs. Massee, Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Mrs. G. S. Lumpkin, Mrs. L. B. Bradford, Mrs. S. M. Gorman and Miss Cobb.

Miss Heck presented the programs for the United Course of Study for 1905—Dux Christus, an Outline Study of Japan.

"How to Secure Large Attendance On Societies in the Country." Mrs. R. D. Cross, Lumber Bridge, (read by Mrs. W. C. Harrell).

"How a Successful Week of Prayer Was Conducted." Miss Eva Liddell, Charlotte, (read by Mrs. Bateman).

"How We Increased Our Christmas Offering." Mrs. B. L. Tyree, Durham, (read by Miss Smith); and Mrs. W. H. Heath, Elizabeth City.

By consent of the body the regular order of exercises was suspended, and Mrs. Kate Zimmerman, of Elizabeth City, made an address on Temperance and Missions."

Adjournment.

Third Session—Friday Morning.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Fannie Heck.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, of Durham.

Hymn, "Holy Spirit Faithful Guide."

Scripture reading from second chapter of Acts of Apostles.

The Union returned to the regular order of business and resumed the discussion of "Open Congress on Methods."

"How Our Members Were Led to Take Part in the Devotional Exercises." Mrs. S. E. Gardner, Edenton.

"How We Made Our Sunbeam Society a Success." Mrs. Thomas Gorman, Durham.

Miss Heck presented Constitution for Young Woman's Mission Clubs.

"How the Girls Were Interest in Missions." Miss Estelle Johnson, Scotland Neck.

Recommendations of the Central Committee

for the year 1905 were presented and adopted, as follows:

Recommendations of the Central Committee.

With gratitude for the progress of the past year and with thankful praise to God for all his blessings and trusting Him for the future, we recommend for the year 1905:

1. That the Societies follow the topics on the Mission Card and also make a study of Japan as outlined in Dux Christus.

2. That each Society elect a Literary Secretary whose duty it shall be to encourage the purchasing of a Missionary Library, and to take charge of same, circulating the books among the members; take subscriptions for the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Kind Words, and other Missionary Magazines, and to distribute Missionary leaflets.

3. That the Societies continue in their efforts to double their membership; to reach those who cannot attend the meetings, through the Home Department, and to establish at least one new Society each.

4. That the aim of each Society be to give not less than ten cents per month per member for Home, State and Foreign Missions; that if other objects commend themselves to the Societies for gifts, they be met by extra contributions.

5. That our Offering for Foreign Missions this year be $6,500.00, $1,500.00 of which shall be our

Christmas Offering for the support of three Memorial Missionaries in China; $1,500.00 for the erection of a building for Mr. Owen's School for Boys in North China.

6. That each Society observe the first week in January as a Week of Prayer for Missions.

7. That our Offering to Home Missions be $3,500.00 in money besides boxes; that $1,000.00 of which sum shall be donated to the Titchenor Memorial Building Fund.

8. That our Offering to State Missions be $3,000.00, and that we observe a Thanksgiving day for State Missions the second week in June.

9. That each Society be urged to consider the advisability of organizing the Young Women in the church into a Young Woman's Mission Club.

10. That in Sunbeam work we endeavor to organize 100 new Societies, and that the Sunbeam's take for their part of the above amounts, the sum of $1,200.00.

11. That the Societies come into close relations with the Vice-Presidents in their respective Associations, reporting quarterly to them, and assisting them in holding Fifth Sunday and Associational Missionary Meetings.

12. That in pursuance of the work above outlined, we take for our aim in 1905 the organization of 150 new Societies, contributing $16,500 in money and boxes to Home, State and Foreign Missions.

Recommendations of Central Committee were

discussed by Miss Mary Applewhite, of Scotland Neck, (read by Miss Biggs).

"Our New Neighbors," by Mrs. C. M. Norton, Durham.

"Church Building On the Frontier." Dr. B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.

"Woman's Work in Home Missions." Miss Adelee Branham, a Home Missionary.

"Japan Today and Tomorrow." Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Weldon.

Miss Heck spoke of the United Course of Study for the coming year, and urged all Societies to follow it. The book on which the study will be based is Dux Christus, an outline study of Japan.

"The Mission Schools in China," was presented by Rev. E. E. Bomar, of Richmond, Va.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was read by Mrs. J. P. Griffin, and adopted, as follows:

We the Committee on Obituaries adopt the following tributes to our dead:

Suddenly the call came to Mrs. Rebecca Wester, wife of Mr. A. D. Wester, to come up higher. The lamp was burning brightly, and she joyfully answered the call. She had lived well her three score and ten years, and leaves a large family following in her footsteps.

After years of pain Mrs. Pattie Dunn, widow of Mr. Wm. Dunn, was released from her suffer-

ing, and taken where "there is no pain." A shut-in for years, she helped us by her prayers and gifts as she was able. May the daughter be blessed for her untiring devotion.

Entered into rest, Mrs. Eva Currin Owen. In girlhood she gave her heart to her Savior, and joined the Baptist Church. Of her large means, she gave richly. Her charity to the unfortunate knew no bounds. After she had been taken to "the Mansions not made with hands," her bereaved husband sent her Society one hundred dollars ($100)—a beautiful tribute to her memory.

May God's richest blessing rest on her husband and baby girl.

Another worker has been called to lay down the arrow and take up the crown. Mrs. Ida E. Joyner, of the West Chowan Association, sister of T. C. Britton, our missionary to China. She was founder of the Society in her church and served as President as long as she was able to attend. She helped much by her missionary zeal, prayers and gifts, and was much admired for her unassuming, faithful service.

The Durham Society has sustained a heavy loss in the death of two of its best workers, Mrs. O. B. Foushee and Mrs. S. E. Watts. The former, Mrs. Foushee, because of her zeal and devotion to the work, was the means of many valuable boxes being sent to frontier missionaries.

Mrs. Watts was an active worker till her health failed. Even then we felt sustained by her prayers.

Roxboro Church in the Flat River Association has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. A. R. Foushee. When the church was weak, she was its mainstay, and when she could no longer meet with her Missionary Society, it was one of her greatest joys to have the members meet at her home, where they would talk and pray over the work, and plan for the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom. For years her house was the preachers' home.

The Society of Clement's Church, Beulah Association, feels a great loss in the death of Sister Ann Long. She was an earnest, faithful and enthusiastic worker in her church and Society.

It is with sadness that we chronicle also the death of Mrs. J. A. Cheek, of Chapel Hill; Mrs. R. C. Lassiter, of the Tar River and Miss Virgie Tingen of Mount Zion Association. We regret that it has been impossible to get the facts about their lives.

It is appalling that our ranks are thining out so rapidly. May the Lord raise up others who will take up the work where these dear sisters have laid it down.

MRS. J. P. GRIFFIN,
MRS. C. H. MORTON,
MRS. T. S. WHITE,
MRS. AZOR SHELL.
MRS. C. M. McINTOSH,
MRS. C. W. HARRELL,
Committee.

MRS. E. J. HARRELL,

Vice-President West Chowan Association.

On June 18, 1904, the reaper—death—with sickle in hand, visited the town of Woodland, Northampton County, N. C., cut down one of its brightest and most useful young women—Mrs. E. J. Harrell—thus robbing the West Chowan Association of its most efficient Vice-President. She served as leader in her Association about one and a half years, and greatly endeared herself to its people by her beautiful, consecrated life, and by her devotion to the work and her untiring efforts for its advancement.

Realizing that the missionary cause has, in her death, sustained a very great loss, we, who are convened in this Annual Assembly of the Woman's Missionary Societies, do resolve:

1. That the death of one in whose life Christ's image was so beautifullly reflected leaves a sad vacancy.

2. That, while we cannot understand God's "whys" and "wherefores," we humbly yield to Him, with hearts grateful for the influence of her short life.

3. That we pray that her missionary zeal may kindle a flame in the hearts of those who knew and loved her that will not be extinguished, and that her work may go on.

4. That while our loss is great, we feel deeply

for the bereft husband, one of God's faithful servants and devoted father, mother, brothers and sister, and pray that our Heavenly Father who always deals gently with His own may be to them what they most need in this dark hour.

Recommendations.

Report of Committee on Recommendations was read by Mrs. Dowell, and adopted, as follows:

We heartily endorse the recommendations of the Central Committee and would lay especial emphasis on the fourth paragraph, and urge our women to study the Bible idea of giving as a grace.

We would also emphasize the importance of teaching our children to know that in this work they are "workers together with God," and, in that way, they will be led to realize their duty to the heathen and to give them the knowledge of salvation through Christ.

MRS. GEORGE DOWELL,
MISS HATTIE JONES,
MRS. BETTS.
MRS. GRIFFIN,
MRS. FOLLETT,
MRS. GORMAN,
MRS. PARSONS,
MRS. MASSEE,
MRS. HARRELL,
Committee.

Motto.

Report of Committee on Motto for 1905 was read by Mrs. J. W. Morgan, and adopted, as follows:

"Hold fast to that which is good." (1 Thess. 5:21.)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zec. 4:6.)

MRS. J. W. MORGAN,
MRS. A. L. WHITE,
MISS MAUD SMITH,
Committee.

Resolutions.

Report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Fry, and adopted, as follows:

Whereas, we have been so warmly welcomed to the hearts and hospitable homes of the good people of Elizabeth City, and so generously tendered the use of the Presbyterian Church in which to hold our meetings, and also having been welcomed in such a lovely manner by all of the Missionary Societies of the city, thus showing the fraternal spirit existing among them; therefore be it

Resolved, That with a rising vote of the body we extend our sincerest thanks to our many hostesses, to the Missionary Societies of every denomination, and in a special manner express our deepest gratitude to the ladies of the Presby-

terian Church for their kindness, and wishing one and all God-speed in all that they undertake in our Master's name.

MRS. W. F. FRY,
MISS S. WILLIAMSON,
MRS. J. H. DAVENPORT,
MISS MARY LOU JOSEY,
Committee.

Time and Place.

Committee on Change of Time and Place for our Annual Meeting presented the following report (read by Mrs. Massee, of Raleigh), which was adopted as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of a change of time and place for our Annual Meeting has not been able to reach any very decided opinion, but present the following reasons for and against a change, and in conclusion offer a suggestion:

The present plan of meeting at the same time and place with the State Convention is objectionable for these reasons:

(1) The ladies who attend are prevented from attending the sessions of the Convention while our meetings are going on.

(2) The thoughts and attentions of our women are so much divided between our work and the work of the Convention that they cannot give their whole attention to the work we ought to do.

(3) The local attendance of the ladies of our own and other denominations upon our sessions is diminished because many prefer to attend the sessions of the Convention, and because housekeepers are kept so busy entertaining the delegates to both meetings.

(4) The delegates to our meeting and to the Convention have now so much increased that the entertainment of both, at the same time, has become a very heavy burden for any town and beyond the capacity of any except a very few towns in our State; and this necessitates our having only one delegate from each Society, while, if we met at a different time and place, we might have more, and this would be a great advantage.

(6) We would have more time for the consideration of our work. As it now is, our time is so limited that we cannot properly discuss and plan for all of our work.

Besides this, we could then have meetings at night for the general public and secure speakers suitable for such occasions.

But the following are the objections to meeting at a different time and place:

(1) The attendance of delegates will probably not be so large. As it is now, there is the double attraction of the Convention and the Woman's Meeting. Now, many of the ladies go with their husbands and then they would have to travel alone. Many ladies would still attend the Con-

vention and would not probably attend two meetings.

(2) We would lose many of the informing and stimulating addresses from missionaries, secretaries and other speakers who attend the Convention.

(3) Our delegates would lose the benefit that they derive from the sessions of the Convention which they do attend when we are not in session—especially the mass-meetings at night. From this source our ladies derive much inspiration and stimulus for their work at home.

(4) When we meet with the Convention some ladies who attend the Convention, but who are not interested in our work, would sometimes attend our meetings and become interested.

We suggest that the ladies take these and other reasons for and against the change under careful consideration for another year and come together at our next Annual Meeting prepared to act.

MRS. T. H. BRIGGS,
MRS. N. B. BROUGHTON,
MRS. W. C. TYREE,
Committee.

The ladies renewed a covenant made a year ago to observe Monday of each week as a day set apart for special prayer for the Woman's Work.

The closing moments were spent in prayer, many ladies in brief prayers invoking God's blessings on the work of our Societies for the year 1905.

After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the meeting adjourned, to meet in Raleigh, 1905.

Mr. Duke, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and wife, tendered a reception to the ladies of the Convention at the home of Mrs. I. M. Meekins, on Saturday afternoon, December 10th, from four till six o'clock.

LIST OF DELEGATES and VISITORS.

Mrs. M. E. Trueblood, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. Annie White, Chowan Church.
Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Weldon.
Miss Susie Darden, Mount Tabor.
Miss Mary Stradley, Beaver Dam.
Miss Maud Smith, Chapel Hill.
Mrs. P. S. Parsons, Washington.
Mr. A. L. Betts, Mount Airy.
Mrs. Cora Phelps, Henderson.
Miss Mary Lou Josey, Scotland Neck.
Miss Annie Biggs, Scotland Neck.
Miss Estelle Johnson, Scotland Neck.
Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Scotland Neck.
Mrs. George J. Dowell, Carthage.
Mrs. T. E. Gardner, Edenton.
Miss Cylla Williamson, Murfreesboro.
Miss Fannie E. Cobb, Hebron Church.
Miss Louise Wilson, Durham.
Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Durham.
Mrs. J. C. Massee, Raleigh.
Miss Ola Deviney, New Bethel Church.

Mrs. T. M. Gorman, Durham.
Miss Vivian Norton, Durham.
Miss C. H. Norton, Edgemont Church.
Miss Mary W. Broughton, Raleigh.
Mrs. W. F. Fry, Goldsboro.
Mrs. J. H. Davenport, Washington.
Miss Hattie James, Edgewood.
Miss Mattie I. White, Bethel.
Mrs. C. M. MacIntoch, Windsor.
Mrs. C. W. Harrell, Woodland.
Mrs. Noah Burfoot, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. T. S. White, Elizabeth City.
Miss Fannie Whitehurst, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. C. W. Duke, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. Lula Butt Bradford, Elizabeth City.
Mrs. E. R. Sawyer, Sawyer's Creek.
Mrs. J. L. F. Sawyer, Sawyer's Creek.
Mrs. Azer Schell, Greensboro.
Mrs. W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest.
Mrs. J. J. Thomas, Raleigh.
Mrs. W. S. Penny, Raleigh.
Mrs. J. T. Jenkins, Wilson.
Mrs. J. B. Hoffler, Beulah.
Mrs. S. W. Brewer, Raleigh.
Mrs. J. D. Boushall, Raleigh.
Mrs. Thomas Boushall, Sawyer's Creek.
Miss Minnie Ferebee, Sawyer's Creek.

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SUMMARY.

Societies organized, 1904	104
Societies organized, 1905	174
Societies reporting, 1904	442
Societies reporting, 1905	472

Total in 1903	$11,322.95
Total in 1904	14,287.93
Total in 1905	17,158.49

Motto for 1906: "If ye love me keep my commandments. We will come again rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us."

Aim for 1906: Twenty-one thousand dollars, of which $7,000 for Foreign Missions, $4,000 for State, $10,000, half in money, half in boxes, for Home Missions.

	1904	1905
Foreign Missions	$3,590.97	$4,323.28
Christmas offering	1,121.08	1,024.51
Yates' College	402.67	40.08
Total for Foreign Missions.	$5,114.72	$5,587.87
Home Missions	$1,527.03	$1,976.59
Week of self-denial	973.02	1,093.53
Boxes	4,179.24	5,242.88
Total for Home Missions	$6,679.29	$8,311.00
State Missions	$2,412.02	$3,092.61
Boxes	77.50	
Total for State Missions	$2,489.52	$3,092.61
S. S. Board	1.50	
Expense fund	2.90	167.01
	$44,287.93	$17,158.49

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS SINCE APPOINTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

1886.....	$1,000.95	1896.....	$3,969.54
1887.....	1,718.46	1897.....	6,272.83
1888.....	1,881.59	1898.....	6,893.00
1889.....	1,940.40	1899.....	8,777.98
1890.....	1,921.56	1900.....	9,710.84
1891.....	3,128.14	1901.....	9,666.36
1892.....	3,916.85	1902.....	11,008.13
1893*.....	4,955.71	1903.....	11,322.95
1894.....	2,374.97	1904.....	14,287.93
1895.....	4,491.88	1905.....	17,158.49
Total			$124,682.56

*Including larger part of Centennial contributions.

OFFICERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Height C. Moore, Raleigh.
Band Supt., Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Raleigh.
General Organizer, Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Durham.

OFFICERS OF ANNUAL MEETING.

DECEMBER, 1905.

President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh.
First Virce-President, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro.
Secretary, Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg.

FIRST SESSION.

The fifteenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was called to order in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, December 7, 1905, at 9.30 o'clock, Miss F. E. S. Heck in the chair.

After a brief song service, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, of Greensboro, read Isaiah 26:1-13.

Ten minutes was spent in silent and sentence prayers.

Greetings were extended to the body by Mrs. T. N. Ivey, President of the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. J. C. Massee of the Tabernacle.

To these greetings response was made by Mrs. Juliet C. Duffy, of New Bern.

The enrollment of delegates was taken. (For list see back of minutes.)

Mrs. A. L. Betts, of Winston-Salem, was called to the chair and presided during election of officers of Annual Meeting, which resulted as follows: President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, Raleigh; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Howard, Salemburg; Secretary, Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem.

On return to the chair Miss Fannie E. S. Heck as President of the Woman's Central Committee, made the Annual Address, a synopsis of which is as follows:

THE GREAT DECADE.

The decade in which we are living—the decade of 1900-1910—will be the greatest in the

history of Christ's Kingdom since the death of the Apostles. Its beginning found the Protestant churches giving $17,000,000 a year and 13,000 of its men and women for the conversion of the heathen world—giving this unequalled sum, this before unheard of wealth of heart and brain and life, and yet ashamed that they gave so little. In this shame lay the prophecy of larger things.

The year 1900 found Missions past the experimental stage. There was no great questioning of methods, no doubt as to the great controlling plans and aims hitherto pursued. Enriched by the wisdom of a hundred years, expanded into churches, schools, hospitals, publishing houses, the wisdom of the world-wide church pronounced these methods tried and proven and acknowledged that only the half-hearted love of God in the church at home prevented the speedy taking of the world for its Lord and Maker.

1900 opened with such a gathering of Missionary forces from the home and foreign field as the world had never seen, in the great Encummenical Conference in New York.

Then, as if the powers of evil would beat back the hastening army of the Lord, the Boxer rebellion broke forth in China. Five thousand—ten thousand martyrs—we shall never know how many sealed their faith with their blood. But the attempt was futile. The next year thousands besieged the doors of the depleted churches and the loss was more than made up. On the 18th of September, this year (1905), the great educational reforms which precipitated the rebellion went quietly into effect, brought about the compelling power of world growth.

Japan, the little, rose and defied Russia, the mighty. To-day triumphant she makes her boast

as the country of the greatest religious tolerance in the world and openly declares herself the teacher of the East in those laws and sciences which she, to quote one of her greatest statesman, has learned from the West to her everlasting advantage.

As I write, Russia, the persecutor, is in the throes of revolution. Be the immediate outcome what it may, it is not too much to prophecy that persecuting tyranny is receiving its death blow. These are but a few of the signs of the times abroad.

At home, the Church has experienced great revivals—is putting on new strength. Reviewing all this, will you not bear me out in saying that the first half of this great decade portends great things for the five years that remain.

I speak to leaders. There is something in man God-like: something which calls out the love of God, something that leads him to trust us as fellow workers and ambassadors. He sees for us magnificent possibilities of leadership—and you are leaders.

If what I have said is true, what is your duty —the duty of North Carolina Baptist women in the latter half of this great epoch?

First, we owe a mighty duty to our State—to North Carolina. It is said that Georgia Baptists pay 52 per cent of the taxes of that commonwealth. If ten years hence Georgia is morally a worse State than it is to-day; if life, property, temperance, honesty in high places and low are less valued than to-day, will God hold—will you hold Georgia Baptists blameless?

The judgment you have pronounced upon your neighbors is to a large extent your own. We have come to a time when our State, in unison

with the whole South, is throbbing with new energy.

Our State Board of Missions is doing a grand work— meeting the changed conditions in a masterly manner—but no ten missionaries could meet the religious need of a town bounding forward in population as Greensboro and half a dozen others which might be mentioned. We women as part of God's Church, as two-thirds of the Baptists of the State, must as individuals give ourselves to the spiritual necessities of the hour.

Temperance has made mighty strides in North Carolina. Women had much to do with its advance. Women of God, hold on to what has been gained. Be vigilant, be constant—hold on to temperance.

The Church of which I have said we are two-thirds, has mighty demands upon us. Last year in the Baptist State Convention, Mr. Livingstone Johnson, who knows the Baptists of the State as no other living man, claimed that the Woman's Missionary Societies were the great Missionary Agency in the Churches. This claim has since been made in periodical and in tract, and has not been denied. Leaders, see to it that we put no denial to it by indifference to our mighty opportunities. But if the church at large calls for our service in a far louder tone, the women of the church need our leadership.

We report here to-day one-third of all given by the 174,000 white Baptists to Home, State and Foreign Mission. This one-fourth is given by 11,000 women. In other words, one-seventeenth of the church gives one-fourth of its mission contributions. What, then, are the mighty, the untold possibilities for the evangelization of

the world which lie waiting for the fulfillment of our motto: A Missionary Society in every church, and every woman a member of it.

Take it to heart. It lies near the heart of Him who would save the world.

Of the women, no class needs more to be led by us into a fuller realization of their mighty possibilities than our young women—the "dropped stitch" in missions.

There is a forward movement among the young people of the church. Mission classes, Mission Institutes, Mission courses in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association. Our young women's societies are yet a handful. They need us for their larger, fuller life. The world needs them with their quick, warm, generous impulses. How shall we win them?

And last, the children need us. It is trite, very trite, to say the children of to-day are the church of to-morrow. Once, it seemed that the world stood on the verge of universal knowledge of Christ. The church proved untrue, and blackness settled down for centuries. History will repeat itself—let me say it solemnly and slowly —unless we, the women of the church train the children for their high privileges and world responsibilities.

How shall the great needs I have enumerated be met? Study, study, study. "Study to show thyself approved" in a very literal sense. We cannot offer to any the dead husks of half-remembered, half-erroneous Missionary facts, and win them. We must ourselves throb with the triumphs of our King—feel with Him, see with Him, rejoice with Him, in this new conquest. Read, work, pray—and again I urge you, read. It is too much to ask of any soul that it honor

and fulfill itself, if need, by sacrifice, by being a living and conscious factor in the greatest movement of The Great Decade.

Mrs. W. N. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Committee presented her annual reports as follows:

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1905.

ALANTIC ASSOCIATION.—Morehead City, $61.65; First Church, New Bern, $138.34; First Church, New Bern, Sun., $20.00; Swansboro, $29.65; Beaufort, $6.30; Davis, $20.00; Beaufort Sun., $1.60; Davis Sun., $1.11; Woodville, $6.20. Total, $284.85.

BEUAH.—Lea Bethel, $24.70; Yanceyville, $16.63; Association, 75 cents; Clement, $8.02; Blanche, $3.70; Lambeth Memorial, $2.21; Miss Hattie James, $10.00. Total, $66.01.
$66.01.

BRUNSWICK.—Antioch, $14.86; Antioch Sun, $2.25; Southport, $20.65; Mill Creek, $11.96; Long Branch, $15.25; Bethel, $6.77; Mill Creek Sun., 70 cents; Lebanon Sun., $2.31; Long Branch Sun., $1.56. Total, $76.31.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN.—North Wilkesboro, $19.00; Wilkesboro, $15.00. Total, $34.00.

BLADEN.—Galeed, $32.30; Bladen Union, $4. Total, $36.30.

BUNCOMBE.—West End, Asheville, $9.53; West End, Asheville, Sun., $11.05; Cane Creek, $28.93; Cane Creek Sun., $5.31; Cane Creek, No. 2, $9.95; Baever Dam, $28.00; Asheville, First

Church, $838.50; Antioch Sun., $3.00; Holly Grove, $8.00; Asheville, First Church, Y. L. S., $10.00. Total, $952.27.

CAPE FEAR AND COLUMBUS.—Whiteville Sun., $1.51; Whiteville, $52.10; Chadbourn Sun., $27.18; Chadbourn, $20.80; Smyrna, $2; Smyrna Sun., $10.30. Total, $113.89.

CAROLINA.—Fruitland, $3.50; Hendersonville, $5.00; Saluda, $5.25. Total, $13.75.

CALDWELL.—Lenoir, $11.70.

CATAWBA RIVER.—Morganton, $5.00.

CEDAR CREEK.—Rockfish, $25.85; Hope Mills, $42.50; Cedar Creek, $35.30; Hope Mills Sun., 65 cents; Cumberland Union, $6.50; Rockfish Sun., $1.05. Total, $111.85.

CHOWAN.—Edenton, $127.75; Elizabeth City, $160.00; Sawyer's Creek, $80.57; Reynoldson, $23.88; Hertford, $38.94; Blackwell's Memorial, $13.65; Columbia, $17.85; Columbia Sun., $1.18; Warrick, $35.00; Hertford Sun., $2.07; Bethel, $5.00; Middle Swamp, $29.00. Total, $534.89.

CENTRAL.—First Church, Raleigh, $463.62; Forestville Sun., $8.46; Wake Forest Y. L. S., $69.17; Wake Forest Sun., $11.81; Wake Forest, $72.77; Youngsville, $8.00; Perry's Chapel Sun., $1.90; Perry's Chapel, $8.75; Oak Grove, $10.00; First Church, Raleigh, Y. L. S., $130.15; Youngsville, $4.00; Bethlehem, $10.80; Flat Rock, $106.00; First Church, Raleigh, Sun., $20.52; Rolesville, $2.00; Mrs. Follett, $10.00; Mt. Vernon, $5.40; First Church, Raleigh, O. and E. Band, $11.00. Total, $954.35.

EASTERN.—Mount Olive, $22.55; Clinton Y.

L. S., $17.27; Clinton, $50.64; Clinton Sun., $8.43; Kenansville, $20.00; Warsaw Sun., $2.69; Delway, $4.93; Johnston Sun., $12.60; Warsaw, $22.75; Magnolia, $12.18; Corinth, $2.80; Johnston's, $4.90; Lisbon, $3.80. Total, $185.54.

FLAT RIVER.—Oxford, $204.90; Oxford, Maggie Nutt Society, $5.00; Oxford, Girls' Society, $10.05; Virgilina, $32.20; Creedmoor, $7.30; Creedmoor Sun., $4.68; Mount Zion, $17.50; Roxboro, $120.00; Mill Creek, $61.00; Island Creek, $6.50; Corinth, 80 cents; Knott's Grove, $3.00; Olive Branch, $1.30. Total, $474.23.

FRENCH BROAD.—Piney Mountain, $3.32; Marshall, $76.99; Mars Hill, $79.80; Forks of Ivey, $5.00; Mars Hill Sun., $4.36; Marshall Sun., $2.13; Mars Hill College, $2.92. Total, $174.52.

GREEN RIVER.—Marion, $28.60; Rutherfordton Sun., $10.90; Rutherfordton, $79.90; Pleasant Hill, $6.95; Montford's Cove, $17.32; Mt. Vernon, $58.09; Round Hill, $21.20; Mountain Creek, $4.17; Cherry Springs, $1.03; Mt. Vernon Sun., $3.84; Bethel, $1.75; Marion Sun., $2.75. Total, $236.50.

HAYWOOD.—Waynesville, $78.15; Waynesville Sun., $2.00; Pleasant Hill, $97.70; Rock Spring, $5.00; Pleasant Hill Sun., $2.00; Pleasant Hill Helpers, $3.00. Total, $187.85.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.—Mt. Moriah, $16.60; Clayton Junior Union, $30.00; Clayton, $193.85; Clyde's Chapel, $5.96; Smithfield, $41.00; Benson, $9.65; Smithfield Sun., $8.00. Total, $305.06.

KINGS MOUNTAIN.—New Bethel, $6.50; Shelby, $36.20; Boiling Springs, $22.60; Cherryville, $18.35; Kings Mountain, $28.64; Cherryville Sun., $2.15. Total, $114.44.

LITTLE RIVER.—New Hill, $20.00; Dunn, $4.00. Total, $24.00.

LIBERTY.—Thomasville Sun., $7.25; Thomasville, $117.71; Thomasville Orphanage, $39.62; Lexington, $31.60; Lexington Sun., $2.50. Total, $198.68.

MECKLENBURG and CABARRUS.—Ninth Avenue, Charotte, $22.15; Pritchard Memorial, Charlotte, $98.03; Mrs. L. D. Price, $2.00; Tryon Street, Charlotte, Sun., $60.60; Tryon Street, Charlotte, W. M. S., $464.50; Tryon Street, Charlotte, Yates Society, $399.25; Cornelius, $5.00; Friendship, $7.10. Total, $1,058.63.

MITCHELL COUNTY.—Bear Creek, $30.75; Silver's Chapel, $12.99; Roan Mountain, $9.50; Cane Creek, $13.00; Mrs. Lucretia Young, $102.00; Lilly Branch, $9.31; Silver's Chapel Sun., $1.00; Bear Creek Sun., $1.15. Total, $179.70.

MONTGOMERY.—Wadesville, $7.75; Star, $13.20; Troy, $3.20. Total, $24.15.

MOUNT ZION.—East Durham, $50.00; Burlington, $1.98; Berea, $1.25; Association, $25.00; Antioch, $16.00; Merry Oaks, $2.73; West Durham Sun., $6.27; Chapel Hill, $9.25; Bethesda, $1.00; Roberson's Grove, $7.89; Roberson's Grove Sun., 41 cents; Edgemont Sun., $24.16; West Durham, $60.00; Graham, $17.75; Graham Sun., $7.45; Association, 25 cents; Durham Second Church, $128.48; Mount Gilead, $14.98; Durham First Church (W. M. S. and Ernest Workers Societies), $1,108.08; Durham, First Church, Sun., $51.08; Cane Creek, $2.60; Red Mountain, $31.83; Red Mountain Sun., $4.54; West Chapel Hill, $10.82; Hillsboro, $10.00; Swepsonville, $20.05; Edgemont, $31.45; Bethel, $14.45; Lystra, $13.81; Olive's

Chapel, $91.31; Mount Carmel, $5.35; Mount Pisgah, $33.20; Durham, Second Church, Sun., $13.85; Cedar Fork, $68.60; Olive Branch, $2.91; Bynum, $19.60; Bells, $6.40; Bethel Sun., $1.49. Total, $1,916.27.

NEW FOUND.—New Found, $1.20; Caney Fork, $1.00. Total, $2.20.

NEUSE.—Sandy Bottom, $6.50; Tabernacle, New Bern, $97.51; Goldsboro, First Church, Sun., $19.05; Goldsboro, First Church, $189.20; Kinston, $338.06; Kinston, Y. L. S., $1.50; Fort Barnwell, $24.50; Fort Barnwell Sun., $8.00; Pollocksville, $18.77; Seven Springs Sun., $6.50; Antioch, $34.85; Ayden, $10.00; Spring Garden, $6.50; Mount Nelson, $2.00; Snow Hill, $1.87; Tabernacle, New Bern, Sun., $2.00; Kinston, Sun., $4.00. Total, $770.81.

PIEDMONT.—Greensboro Y. L. S., $176.60; Greensboro Sun., $13.25; Greensboro, $266.45; High Point, $66.00; Reidsville, $80.60; High Point Sun., $2.50; Walnut Street, Greensboro, $5.50. Total, $610.90.

PEE DEE.—Lilesville, $8.00; Lilesville Sun., $1.16; Roberdel, $42.54; Spring Hill, $72.95; Rockingham Sun., $5.50; Gum Springs, $3.66; Laurinburg, $94.45; Ansonville, $1.65; Polkton, $18.45; Lee Holland Sun., $17.34; Steel's Mill, $9.00; Wadesboro, $139.20; Wadesboro Sun., $3.00; Lilesville Y. P. S., $1.35; Rockingham, $4.00; Brown Creek, $5.60. Total, $427.85.

PILOT MOUNTAIN.—Mount Airy, $41.95; Salem Mission Sun., $9.50; First Church, Winston, $316.86; Madison, $15.25; Deep Springs Sun., $1.00; Deep Springs, $7.40; Leaksville Sun.,

$78.65; First Church, Winston, Sun., $49.50; Mt. Airy Sun., $12.03; Leaksville Sun., $21.70; Lewisville, $8.40; Winston-Salem, South Side, $5.00; Winston-Salem, Broad Street, $28.90; Winston-Salem, Broad Street, Sun., $3.00; Winston-Salem, South Side, Sun., 50 cents; Madison Sun., $5.60; Kernersville, 80 cents. Total, $606.04.

RALEIGH.—Cary, $43.01; Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, $20.85; Apex, $90.35; Holly Springs, $29.80; Swift Creek, $3.75; Tabernacle Raleigh, $272.00; Garner, $11.25; Lee's Chapel, $5.22; Green Level, $44.00; Cary Y. L. S., $9.40; Apex Sun., $2.65; Central Church, Wakefield, $3.48; Cary Sun., $2.00. Total, $537.76.

ROBESON.—Big Branch, $37.00; Fair Bluff, $3.77; Parkton, $15.15; Ashpole Sun., $31.04; Ashpole Sun., $119.70; Pleasant Hill, $21.30; Long Branch Sun., $3.45; Long Branch, $11.55; Lumberton, No. 2, $41.11; Lumberton Y. L. S., $52.15; Saddle Tree, $26.75; Pleasant Grove, $16.89; Lumberton, $228.37; Lumberton Sun., $22.75; Gibson, $7.00; Ashpole, No. 2, $4.10; Maxton Sun., $13.67; Raft Swamp, $36.35; Red Springs, $24.05; East Lumberton Sun., $14.52; Maxton, $30.50; Back Swamp Sun., 66 cents; Bear Swamp, $1.50; Lumber Bridge Sun., $4.60; Lumber Bridge, $48.26; Back Swamp, $34.20; Pleasant Hope, $6.70. Total, $857.09.

SANDY CREEK.—Siler City, $39.15; Cameron, $64.85; Cameron Sun., $6.92; Pittsboro, $46.55; Carthage, $58.95; Carthage Sun., $23.57; Aberdeen, $41.45; Pittsboro Sun., $3.75; Sanford, $17.36; Bethany, $5.50; Jonesboro, $20.00; Gulf, $3.75; Forest City, $15.00; Sanford Sun., $6.00; Carthage W. W., $2.37. Total, $355.17.

SANDY RUN.—Bethel, $16.90; Caroleen, $20.66; Henrietta, $32.59; Caroleen Y. L. S., $2.00; Caroleen Sun., 98 cents. Total, $73.13.

SOUTH FORK.—Olivet, $18.15; Gastonia Sun., $65.40; Hickory, $127.35; Hickory Sun., $18.22; Gastonia, $250.78; Maiden, $15.00; Hickory Y. L. S., $1.10. Total, $496.00.

SOUTH RIVER.—Spring Branch Sun., 18 cents; Salem Sun., $13.02; Salem, $55.94; Spring Branch, $45.90; Clement, $8.28; White Oak, $25; Concord, $4.50; Fayetteville, $144.57; Fayetteville Sun., $28.10; Antioch, $12.50; Judson, $2.00; Autryville, $4.75. Total, $344.74.

STANLY.—Albemarle, $62.70; Kendall's, $3.90; Locust, $5.90. Total, $72.50.

SURRY.—Elkin, 10.00.

SOUTH YADKIN.—Mocksville Sun., $10.00; Mocksville, $25.76; Statesville, First Church, $198.01; Spencer, $7.56; Mooresville, $12.00; Salisbury, $87.15; Western Avenue, Statesville, $3.10; Western Avenue, Statesville, Sun., $1.53; Salisbury, Chestnut Hill, $12.00; Statesville Junior Union, $11.50; Statesville Sun., $5.85; Salisbury Y. L. S., $5.39; Cleveland, $1.50; Cooleemee, $5.07; Jerusalem, $1.85; Association, $20.40. Total, $408.67.

TAR RIVER.—Rocky Mount Sun., $5.00; Hamilton, $5.00; Stony Creek, $17.40; Rosemary, $2.50; Warren Plains, $10.15; Roanoke Rapids, $8.00; Sandy Creek, $12.00; Hickory, $6.28; Scotland Neck Sun., $58.25; Poplar Springs, $28.62; Greenville, $207.85; Weldon, $115.76; Scotland Neck L. S. C., $23.30; Scotland Neck, $275.01; Rocky Mount Y. L. S., $2.00; Wilson, $102.80;

Elm City, $9.10; Tarboro, $19.50; Henderson Sun., $6.35; Tarboro Sun., $6.87; Tarboro Y. L. S., $8.97; Columbia, $12.78; Elm City Sun., $7.35; Oak Level, $6.99; Washington, $75.82; Louisburg Sun., $10.35; Weldon Sun., $6.70; Mount Zion, $7.65; Rocky Mount, $95.63; Henderson, $135.54; Warrenton, $156.75; Corinth, $3.90; Louisburg, $32.00; Littleton, $84.06; Pleasant Grove, $1.45; North Rocky Mount, $25.50; Washington Sun., $4.86; Nashville, $6.20; Island Creek, $3.60. Total, $1,607.84.

UNION.—Marshville, $52.30; Marshville Sun., 50 cents; Waxhaw Sun., $1.00; Monroe, $174.43; Wingate, $5.40; Monroe Sun., $4.16. Total, $237.79.

WILMINGTON.—Wilmington, First Church, $287.99; Wilmington Y. L. S., $36.56; Wilmington, Southside, $22.00; Brooklyn Sun., $2.00. Total, $348.55.

WEST CHOWAN.—Sandy Run Sun., 64 cents; Siloam, $3.00; Meherrin Sun., $3.50; Sandy Run, $3.00; Pleasant Grove, $3.05; Severn, $14.55; Seaboard, $17.50; Ahoskie Sun., $4.00; Hebron, $97.75; Chowan, $118.45; Chowan Sun., $6.15; Mt. Tabor, $81.75; Mt. Carmel, $18.00; Buckhorn, $131.31; Ahoskie, $36.70; Holly Grove School-House, $32.08; Cashie, $70.00; Lawrence Cross Roads, $12.50; Murfreesboro Sun., $12.31; Elam, $19.30; Hebron Sun., $3.91; Rich Square, $16.05; Woodland, $70.95; Woodland Sun., $4.55; Holly Grove, $10.20; Cashie Sun., $10.82; Aulander, $35.00; Aulander Sun., $6.68; Roanoke Sun., .52; Roanoke, $2.41; Oak Grove, $4.88; Jackson, $11.05; Bethany, $6.31; Republican, $10.20; Potecasi, $39.84; Union, $12; Galatia, $50.07; Robert's Chapel, $8.53; Mar-

garettsville, $6.52; Creeksville, $15.00; Murfreesboro C. B. F. Institute, $28.65 Pine Grove, $1.65; Mrs. Kate Griffin, $2.00; Rich Square Sun., $12.00; Association, $8.50. Total, $1,066.83.

YANCEY.—Burnsville, $3.80.

NO ASSOCIATION.—Blanche, $2.38; Miss C. C. Lilly, $2.50; Fallston, $1.00; Kendalls, $1.75; Maple Springs, $13.77. Total, $21.40.

Grand total all Associations.....$17,158.49

Of the above amount the Sunbeam Societies contributed—

To Foreign Missions	$524.83
To Christmas Offering	97.83
Total Foreign Missions.....	622.66
To Home Missions	$147.09
To Self-Denial Offering	38.30
To Home Mission Boxes	78.33
Total Home Missions.....	263.72
To State Missions	$215.16
To Expense Fund	1.00
Total to Foreign, Home and State Missions	1,102.54
Grand total	17,158.49

Appropriated as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$4,523.28
To Christmas Offering	1,024.51
To Yates College	40.08
Total Foreign Missions.....	5,587.87

To Home Missions	$1,976.59
To Self-Denial Offering	1,093.53
To Home Mission Boxes	5,240.88
Total Home Missions	8,311.00
To State Missions	$3,092.61
To Expense Fund	167.01
Total to Foreign, Home and State Missions	17,158.49

Respectfully submitted,

MISS F. E. S. HECK, President.

MRS. WESLEY N. JONES, Sec. and Treas.

The following committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions.—Chairman, Mrs. L. N. Chappell; Mrs. John C. Gorman; Mrs. T. M. Gardener, Mrs. C. W. Harrell, Mrs. R. B. Carrington, Mrs. G. T. Watkins, Mrs. C. H. Griffin, Mrs. P. S. Parsons, Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Mrs. W. C. Tyree.

Home Missions.—Chairman, Mrs. E. S. K. Proctor, Mrs. O. L. Stringfield, Miss Martha Tullinger Miss Beulah Bowden, Mrs. R. L. Gray, Miss Annie Biggs, Mrs. C. M. Gorman, Mrs. A. L. Houser, Mrs. W. H. Penny, Miss Janie Bivens, Miss Florence Ransom, Mrs. R. L. Moore.

State Missions.—Chairman, Mrs. H. Montague, Mrs. Mary Morrow, Mrs. Lucretia Young, Mrs. A. W. Green, Miss Carrie Booker, Mrs. Thos. J. Latham, Mrs. Harvey Church.

After closing devotional exercises the meeting adjourned at 12 to give time for delegates to prepare for the previously arranged visit to Wake Forest College.

SECOND SESSION.

Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro, read the 96th Psalm.

Miss Margaret Shields, of Scotland Neck, led in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Band Superintendent, reported for the children's work for the yaer.

In closing her report Miss Briggs presented the following interesting list and statement:

SUNBEAM HONOR ROLL FOR 1905.

Gold Star Bands.

The following Sunbeam Bands have reported for Missions each Quarter during 1905:

First Church, New Bern; Antioch (Brunswick Association); Cane Creek (Buncombe Association); Chadbourn, Clinton, Johnston's, Forestville, Wake Forest, Lilesville, Salem Mission, Ashepole, Carthage, Statesville Junior Union, Statesville, Scotland Neck, Rutherfordton, Clayton Junior Union; Tryon Street, Charlotte; Edgemont; First Church, Durham; Red Mountain; First Church, Goldsboro; Greensboro, Lumberton, Salemburg, Fayetteville, Mocksville, Louisburg, Murfreesboro, Hebron.

Silver Star Bands.

The following Sunbeam Bands have reported for Missions three Quarters during 1905.

Smyrna, Youngville Creedmore, Thomasville, First Church, Winston; Maxton, Cameron, Pittsboro, Weldon, Woodland; Second Church, Dur-

ham; Lee Holland Society, Spring Hill; Mount Airy, Leesville, Gastonia, Hickory, Tarboro, Elm City, Chowan.

Blue Star Bands.

The followin Sunbeam Bands have reported for Missions two Quarters during 1905:

Beaufort, Whiteville, Perry's Chapel; First Church, Raleigh; Graham, Seven Springs, Madison, Long Branch, Caroleen; Western Ave., Statesville; Ahoskie (Sandy Run); Rich Square, Mars Hill, Marshall, Waynesville, West Durham, Bethel, High Point, Apex, East Lumberton, Back Swamp, Lumber Bridge, Aulander, Cashie.

Red Star Bands.

The following Sunbeam Bands have reported for Missions for one Quarter during 1905:

First Church, Raleigh, O. and E. Bands; Davis, Mill Creek, Lebanon, Long Branch; West End, Asheville; Warsaw, Mount Vernon, Smithfield, Cherryville, Roberson's Cove, Kinston, Rockingham; Broad St., Winston; Southside, Winston; Spring Branch, Henderson, Washington, Monroe, Sandy Run, Meherren, Antioch (Buncombe Association), Hope Mills, Rockfish, Columbia, Hertford, Marion, Plaesant Hill, Lexington, Silver's Chapel, Bear Creek, Wadesboro, Goldsboro Girls' Band, Deep Springs, Cary, Sanford, Rocky Mount, Marshville, Waxhaw, Brooklyn, Roanoke.

Comparison of Reports.

	1903.	1904.	1905.
Number Gold Star Bands.....	14	21	30
Number Silver Star Bands.....	20	17	19
Number Blue Star Bands.....	22	33	24
Number Red Star Bands.....	38	36	41
Number Bands Reporting.....	94	107	114

Total amounts reported: 1903, $878.06; 1904, $1,067.32; 1905; 1,102.54.

Mrs. E. K. Proctor reported for the Committee on Home Missions as follows:

In view of the great work before us in Home Missions and the steady increase in our gifts to this object, your Committee would recommend that the North Carolina Societies take for their aim this year, giving $10,000.00 to Home Missions, half of the said amount to be in money and half in boxes."

Pending the discussion of the report, Dr. Dargan, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was introduced and spoke on the work and need for the Home for the Louisville Missionary Training School for Young Women.

The discussion of the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions was resumed and spoken to by Miss Marie Buhlmair, for twelve years missionary to the immigrants landing in Baltimore. Miss Buhlmair spoke of the Foreigner Within Our Gates, and the need for the Tichenor Memorial Church Building Fund to plant churches among the foreign and frontier population.

Rev. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, Home Board Secretary for Mountain Work, spoke of the need of an emergency fund, to enable them to secure, save or build in connection with the mountain schools as emergency demanded. He laid before the body as food for thought the advisability of forming in the South an emergency list of 10,000 Baptist women who would be willing to be called on once a year, as occasion arose, for one dollar to meet such emergency.

Miss F. M. Sullinger, of Fruitland Institute, Henderson County, told of the struggles and

needs of the Associational Schools in Western North Carolina, illustrating their needs by her knowledge of the work in Fruitland Institute.

Miss Beulah Bowden spoke of Mars Hill, the oldest Associational School in Western North Carolina.

On motion of Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, all members from Women's Missionary Societies outside of Raleigh in attendance on this meeting were invited to vote on the pending and all other questions to come before the session.

Recommendations of the Committee on Home Missions, after further discussion, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The following committees were appointed:

Apportionment. — Chairman, Mrs. Ashley House, Clayton, Vice-President of the Johnson County Association, together with the twenty-two Vice-Presidents in attendance on this session of the Annual Meeting.

Time and Place.—Mrs. C. H. Norton, Chairman, Durham; Mrs. C. A. Covington, Wadesboro; Mrs. C. A. Jenkins, Statesville; Mrs. F. Furgerson, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Juliet Duffy, New Bern; Mrs. Azor Schell, Greensboro; Mrs. D. Rich, Salem; Mrs. W. T. Jones, Morehead City; Mrs. A. C. Liverman, Scotland Neck; Mrs. C. Cooper, Henderson; Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh; Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, Gastonia; Mrs. Alden Howell, Waynesville.

Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children.—Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Chairman; Mrs. J. M. Arnett, Mrs. Charles Meserve, Mrs. W. T. Olive, Mrs. J. W. Wildman, Mrs. Harvey Church, Mrs. C. S. Cashwell, Miss Laura Pendergraph.

Louisville Training Schools.—Mrs. H. H. Mashburn, Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Mrs. Trim White, Mrs.

L. M. Curtis, Mrs. John K. Hawkins, Mrs. A. W. Green, Mrs. Walter Clark, Mrs. Joe Weathers, Mrs. Pattie Jordan, Mrs. F. W. Ashcraft, Miss Mary Lockett, Miss Maude Burke.

Sunbeams.—Mrs. W. H. Riddick, Chairman; Mrs. Archibald Johnson, Miss Mary Watson, Mrs. W. A. Adams, Mrs. C. S. Royal, Miss Emma Welch, Miss Lizzie Briggs, Miss Willie Hunter, Miss Jennie Bivins, Miss Brownie Parker, Miss Addie Waitt.

Young Ladies' Work.—Miss Mary Applewhite, Chairman; Miss Lena Spain, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Hattie Siler, Miss Minnie Ward, Miss Lizzie W. Elliot, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Miss Belle Tyner, Miss Margaret Shields, Miss Susan Clark, Miss Annie L. Smith, Miss Flora A. Neal.

Motto.—Mrs. Ralph L. Tyson, Chairman; Mrs. J. E. Britt, Mrs. D. H. Green, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Nora G. Webb, Miss Eva Watson, Mrs. E. S. Turlington, Mrs. H. V. Booker.

Obituaries.—Mrs. Mary Hudgins, Chairman; Mrs. J. P. McNeill, Mrs. A. T. Yates, Mrs. Mattie Jennings, Mrs. J. S. Leonard, Miss Bertie Harrell, Mrs. T. Johnson.

Resolutions.—Mrs. W. J. Matthews, Chairman; Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. Whitehead, Mrs. J. L. Leonard, Miss Lenora Morris.

Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Durham, General Organizer of the Central Committee, under title of Missionary Journeys, reported her work as follows:

REPORT OF SOCIETIES ORGANIZED.

Woman's Missionary Societies	97
Sunbeams	48
Young Ladies' Missionary Clubs	17
Total	93

To average ten in each W. M. and Y. L. M. C.	$4.40
	5.76
To average twelve in each Sunbeam Society	5.76
	$10.16

One thousand say brought in these Societies which train educationally and spiritually in Missions.

Miles traveled, about 1,600; tracts distributed, about 1,000.

My work as General Organizer opened in the Eastern part of North Carolina. First, the Atlantic Association—from there to the Neuse. Also in passing throug the Wilmington Association I organized two Societies. (At Jacksonville, the County seat of Onslow, where we have Baptists few in number, but intelligent and kind.)

During the Summer I worked in the Western part of the State, in the French Broad, New French, Mitchell and Green River Associations.

In summing up this tour as General Organizer for the Woman's Missionary Union, I can truly say I am an optimist hereafter; for the leaven of the Kingdom is working in the hearts of our Christian women. They are anxious to have these organizations in the churches. They are seeing the importance of them, as are also the pastors, who are coming to view it as a great spiritual and education influence in the churches for mission work.

They no longer think the paying of dues is the beginning and end of Woman's Missionary Societies. But "the Missionary Literature is important as an education influence. It is first the knowing, then the feeling, then the doing. The basis of education is facts."

"In all education woman is God's ordained pioneer." Surely " this is the finger of God," when Christian women are organized to held advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.

Rev. L. Johnson brought greetings from the Convention and reported great and stirring missionary scenes which had taken place in that body.

The Vice-Presidents in attendance were asked to come forward. With aid of a map prepared by Rev. Livingston Johnson showing location of each Association, church and missionary in North Carolina, Miss Heck pointed out the Associations from east to west, the following Vice-Presidents being introduced in geographical order and responding with a few well-chosen words.

Neuse.—Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro.

Robeson.—Mrs. H. T. Pope, Lumberton.

South River.—Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg-Fayetteville.

Pee Dee.—Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro.

Sandy Creek.—Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Carthage.

Johnson.—Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton.

Raleigh.—Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Cary.

Central.—Mrs. R. L. Conyers, Franklinton.

Tar River.—Miss Margaret Shields, Scotland Neck.

Flat River.—Mrs. C. D. Ray, Oxford.

Mount Zion.—Mrs. Charles Haywood, Durham.

Piedmont.—Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.

Pilot Mountain.—Mrs. A. L. Betts, Winston.

Kings Mountain.—Mrs. T. J. Ramseur, Cleveland Mills.

Beulah.—Mrs. Mattie Jennings, Beulah.

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.—Mrs. C. D. Price, Charlotte.

South Yadkin.—Mrs. Delia Burke, Statesville.

Buncombe.—Miss E. A. Draughan, Asheville.
Haywood.—Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde.
Mitchell County.—Mrs. Lucretia Young, Ledger.
French Broad.—Mrs. Mary Hudgins, Marshall.

The synopsis of the year's work of the Associational Vice-Presidents was presented as follows:

SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS.

There are in North Carolina fifty-nine Associations of Baptist churches varying in size from Alleghany-Grayson with eleven churches to Tar River with eighty-seven. The Woman's Central Committee of Missions long ago realized that great advantages would accrue to Woman's Mission endeavor if they might have the aid of a wise, patient, persistent Vice-President in each Association. To make the office effective takes time and effort. Therefore the task of finding those so situated as to fill this important office is a difficult one. The number of Vice-Presidents has grown slowly, there being yet only thirty-three of these four offices, leaving twenty-six Associations unprovided for.

In every case where the office has been faithfully and uninterruptedly filled for five or more years the effect in the increase of Societies and contributions has been marked. Some of the officers, the synopsis of whose Annual Reports are given below, have filled the offices untiringly since its beginning; others follow faithful officers, and yet others have been recently appointed to Associations as yet almost untouched by Woman's Mission Work. In submitting this synopsis the Central Committee wishes most gratefully to acknowl-

edge its indebtedness to these officers for much of the present advance of missionary interest among the Baptist Women of North Carolina.

ATLANTIC.—Vice-President, Mrs. C. B. Paul, Davis. Churches, 22. Societies: Woman's, Young Women's and Children, 20. Society membership, 560.

Mrs. Davis has been Vice-President for only two months. She found Association in fine condition, Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, General Organizer, having begun her work in this Association and succeeded in organizing a number of Societies.

BEULAH.—Mrs. Mattie Jennings, Blanche. Churches, 11. Societies, 10. Membership, 83.

Mrs. Jennings has been newly-appointed as Vice-President, succeeding Miss Hattie James, whose lamented death left the office vacant.

BUNCOMBE.—Miss E. A. Draughan, Asheville. Churches, 37. Societies, 13. Membership, 215.

"As I review the work of the year, I humbly write 'failure' across most of my plans and efforts. Nearly all my efforts to visit the Societies failed. The letters that I have received from the Societies are hopeful and promise to do better work another year. We are confident there is growth and more interest in missions in the Association. We held a meeting with the women at the Association under many difficulties, but there were a number of ladies that were very much interested in the work and we trust there was good done.

"Interest in missions among the young people is increasing. The Y. W. M. S., First Church Asheville, was organized by Dr. Lunsford, and it is doing good work under the leadership of Mrs. Lunsford.

"We have laid special emphasis on Home Missions for another year, and we hope there will be advance along that line. Our great need is consecrated leaders."

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN.—Mrs. James McNeill, Wilkesboro. Churches, 21. Societies, 3. Members, 48.

"Most of the money for Foreign Missions from this Association is given to the support of Rev. T. L. Blalock, of China, who does not work under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, but is dependent on the contributions of the Association for support. There is, therefore, little organized work among the women of the Association. I think the Societies of this Association will give $50.00 to Home, State and Foreign Missions next year, and trust several new Societies will be organized, thus increasing this sum."

BRUNSWICK.—Mrs. David Ward, Suburb. Churches, 22. Societies, 12. Members, 173.

"The outlook is fairly good. While we have not reached the aims we planned for, we have made some progress. The greatest need in the field is more earnest, consecrated workers. We are looking forward to greater results in the coming year."

CEDAR CREEK.—Mrs. C. D. Rogers, Hope Mills. Churches, 16. Societies, 8. Members, 153.

CENTRAL.—Mrs. R. J. Conyers, Youngsville. Churches, 30. Societies, 24. Members, 550.

"So far as I know, and I think I know them all, there is not a church in our Association that has not had a Society organized, if the church was strong enough. I have organized Societies at

Bethlehem, Bethany, Hopkins, New Bethel, Woodland and Oak Grove in the Central and five Societies in the Tar River. You remember one was partially organized at Brassfields. Mt. Vernon had one. The following Societies in the following churches are in good working order: Raleigh, Wake Forest, Youngsville, Wakefield, Flat Rock, Perry's, Bethany, Bethlehem and Oak Grove. I am not sure about the others."

EASTERN.—Mrs. Florence Hubbard Stewart, Clinton. Churches, 32. Societies, 16. Members, 300.

"We labor under the disadvantage of having only seven or eight churches in small towns, while the others have widely-scattered congregations. At present our outlook is not bright. I have written to all the Societies regularly each quarter. Illness prevented my attendance in the Association, but a Ladies' Meeting was held. The Clinton Woman's Missionary Society and Young Ladies' Society have united in packing a box."

FLAT RIVER.—Mrs. C. D. Ray, Oxford. Churches, 34. Societies, 19. Members, 280.

Mrs. Ray was chosen by her Association to fill the office of Vice-President which had been vacant for several years. She has begun a vigorous campaign, the results of which will doubtless be seen next year.

FRENCH BROAD.—Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, Marshall. Churches, 32. Societies, 17. Members, 308.

Mrs. Hudgins became Vice-President in August. Mrs. Follett visited this Association during the summer, a number of societies resulting. The older and leading Societies are

Marshall and Mars Hill. These have not failed to report each quarter. Mars Hill has given this year $89.54 in money and sent a box valued at $32.00, a fine showing for so small a town. In the new church at Marshall a beautiful room for the Woman's Missionary Society room has been built in memory of Mrs. Wood.

GREEN RIVER.—Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton. Churches, 42. Societies, 34. Members, 531.

"It is with pleasure that I report the bright prospects in our Association. Most of our Societies are holding faithfully on to the work. I sometimes think the test of our earnestness comes when the first enthusiasm has worn off and we settle down to steady work.

"About thirty new Societies have been organized during the year.

"Mrs. C. M. V. Follett spent a month with us, and her coming was a great blessing. It was through her labors the large number of Societies were organized. Her visits to the Societies already in existence were very helpful and we are all encouraged to go forward.

"Our annual meeting was well attended, every active Society either sending a delegate or letter

"More of our people are taking 'Foreign Mission Journal' and 'Home Field,' and we know that as they are better informed they will be better workers.

"I feel, still, that we are only in the seed-sowing stage, and whether we see the larger harvests that are sure to come, we rejoice over the sheaves we are occasionally allowed to gather."

HAYWOOD.—Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde. Churches, 22. Societies, 4. Members, 51.

"Our Associational Meeting was a good one. Waynesville and Clyde have both packed boxes. We are making some progress, but our work is far short of what it should be.

JOHNSTON.—Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton. Churches, 30. Societies, 10. Members, 233.

Johnston is a new Association, remarkable in that its constitution includes a Woman's Missionary Society clause, thus in the very beginning recognizing the important part these organizations would play in its missionary life. Mrs. Horne writes:

"While the Mission Work in Johnston County Association for the past year has not been what we desired in the Master's name, and while we have shown progress by very few distinctive results, still we are justified in saying that we have a genuine awakening of interest in the work of missions, and the field now stands ready for organized work.

"At our last Associational Meeting we had reports from eleven Societies, or three more than last year. There has been no special effort to push the organization of new Societies, believing it wiser to have fewer Societies built on an abiding interest in the work, than that any should fail, being founded on spasmodic enthusiasm.

"Our outlook for the coming year is most encouraging. There is well founded prospect for the formation of five new Woman's Societies, in the early part of the year, and possibly as many Sunbeams and Young Ladies' Societies. Our aim for the year exceeds the amount contributed last year by one-third."

KINGS MOUNTAIN.—Mrs. T. J. Ramseur. Cleveland Mills. Churches, 37. Societies, 12. Members, 167.

"I have requested the pastors to send me the names and addresses of one or two ladies in each of their churches most interested in mission work. A few have responded. To these ladies I have sent sample copies of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field; also tried to show them the importance of organizing for prayer, study and distribution of literature pertaining to our work. We took as our aim last year trying to get each female member to contribute a certain amount each month to missions, and, although we did not reach our aim, I feel that we have taken a step, made a start, and hope to advance next year. I know that some of our pastors are in sympathy with our work and will do all they can to encourage us. One evidence that Woman's Work is growing in favor is the fact that it was added to the order of business in our Association this year."

LIBERTY.—Mrs. G. P. Harrill, Thomasville. Churches, 27. Societies, 7. Members, 164.

In Liberty interest in the Woman's Missionary Societies has been of slow growth. The Societies in Thomasville and at the Orphanage have made marked advance this year.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Lucretia Young, Ledger. Churches, 37. Societies, 19. Members, 363.

"My work in the Mitchell County Association is growing each year and the people are getting more awakened to their duty in mission work. We have a great deal of oppositon to missions, yet I think we are gaining.

"Mrs. C. M. V. Follett worked a few weeks in this Association last summer and organized thirteen Societies. We hope for great results from her work."

MECKLENBURG and CABARRUS.—Mrs. L. D. Price, Charlotte, R. F. D. Churches, 18, Societies, 8. Members, 168.

Mrs. Price has very recently been appointed Vice-President. There are strong Societies in the churches of Charlotte, but Mrs. Price's work will doubtless tell on the other sections of the Associations.

MT. ZION.—Mrs. Charles Haywood, Durham. Churches, 46. Societies, 34. Members, 730.

"We have thirty-four Societies in the Association. There are only eleven churches in which there are no Societies. So far as I have been able to get the reports the work has been on an increase for the past year. Our Associational Meeting was good. There were fourteen Societies represented, and we have had our minutes of the 'Woman's Meeting' printed in the Associational minutes. One special aim for the year has been to raise an extra contribution of $25.00 for the support of the Vice-President missionary. The ladies in all the Societies seem to be thoroughly in love with the great work of missions, and they deem it a real pleasure to give of their means for the spread of the Gospel. Some of our Societies are weak in numbers but strong in their love and zealous in the work of sending the 'glad tidings' to the benighted heathen.

"During the past year six new Societies have been organized, and we hope before the close of 1906 to have a Woman's Missionary Society in every church in the Mt. Zion Association."

NEUSE.—Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro. Churches, 27. Societies, 31. Members, 550.

"I have written each Missionary Society regularly each quarter (some sixty letters in all), not circular letters, but have tried to have them friendly and suited to each especial case. Have urged the sending in of the reports however small, that we might know the work of each.

"Mrs. Follett's coming was a help and a blessing, though some of the Societies organized seem not to have held on their way.

"An encouraging number of of Foreign Mission Journals and Home Fields are taken (whether read or not).

"I have asked three of our workers in different sections of our territory to act as an auxiliary to the Vice-President. The Association (Neuse) met at Ayden, and we held a very good Woman's Meeting, though not many Societies were represented. I try to impress on the Societies to report, however small the amount, so that we may know they are alive.

"The Yates College, J. C. Owen's School and Tichenor Memorial have each had a place in our thought. Frontier boxes have been sent aggregating $205.

SANDY CREEK.—Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Carthage. Churches, 43. Societies, 18. Members, 312.

"We have forty-three churches in the Sandy Creek Association; four of these are pastorless. Thirty-nine churches contribute to missions. Only eight churches have active Woman's Missionary Societies. There is one Young People's Society and five Sunbeam Societies. The Young People's Society is at Carthage Baptist Church and is called 'Willing Workers,' organized by Mrs. W. G. Jennings about five weeks ago, and is doing well.

"Some extinct Societies have promised to reorganize, but as yet I have not had any report from them, though I did as you advised me by sending a stamped envelope to each, with literature before-hand. It seems no amount of work or writing will arouse the people to action until the pastors advise and encourage them."

PEE DEE.—Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro. Churches, 27. Societies, 18. Members, 208.

"The Pee Dee Association comprises Anson County and a part of Richmond. Eleven years ago there was only one Woman's Missionary Society within its bounds. Now there are eleven Woman's Missionary Societies and five Girl's and Children's Bands. Most of the Societies are very small in numbers, and some of them are mission points. Our great need is trained leaders. The Vice-President endeavors to keep in touch with the Societies during each quarter. The county paper is used as a medium of communication; and a quarterly report, with interesting notes from the Societies, is printed regularly.

"The President, Secretary and Executive Committee (who are annually elected at the close of each Associational Meeting) meet about six weeks before the Association to plan a programme of the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Secretary informs each society of its duties and encloses the Vice-President's annual letter. The President of the Association, who is at present also the Vice-President, presides at all meetings and assists the Secretary in preparing the minutes of the Ladies' Meeting, to be printed in the regular minutes of the Association."

PIEDMONT.—Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro. Churches, 19. Societies, 8. Members, 232.

"The Piedmont Association has within its bounds only three churches that are not chiefly sustained by the State Mission Board—those of Greensboro (First Church), Reidsville and High Point. In these the Societies increase each year in numbers and in contributions. They include in their membership so many consecrated, enthusiastic women that the only work needed for them is an endeavor to get a report each quarter, or to remind them of some special work planned by the Central Committee. We have no country churches, but find the rest of our people clustered in factory towns, where men and women spend their days shut in amid the crash of machinery and whir of looms. When the 6 o'clock whistle sounds their release they care for little but rest. Societies organized soon die; is it any wonder? Only a strong, energetic leader can keep them together. Not long ago I visited the factory town, that is a suburb of our town, and organized a Society with thirteen members. A member of my own Society (Young Woman's Society of the First Church, Greensboro), who is herself busy all day, offered to work with this new Society. She has met with them every time, and given much thought and labor to the work. Now they have twenty-eight members and a good attendance. My hope is to find some one like her in each little town in the Association."

PILOT MOUNTAIN.—Mrs. A. L. Betts, Winston-Salem. Churches, 48. Societies, 24. Members, 402.

"It gives me pleasure to report that all things considered the women of our Association have done well this year. Very little was done during first quarter on account of very inclement weath-

er, but with better days came renewed zeal, and while no Society has done what it could and should in giving and increasing in numbers, I believe the spirituality has been increased and the timid members are taking a more active part in meetings.

"Since beginning of second quarter I have organized seven Societies—four Woman's Missionary Societies, two Sunbeams and one Young People's Society (Willing Workers at Waughtown). With two exceptions, the new Societies are doing vigorous work. The old and stronger Societies seem to be anxious to enlarge their work another year. The churches are waking up to the importance of encouraging Woman's Work.

"I have learned of three Frontier Boxes being packed this year, and letters from Societies are promising to increase their contributions even more another year."

RALEIGH.—Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Cary. Churches, 30. Societies, 18. Members, 522.

"I find that within the last year our ladies have been much interested in mission work. Our churches have been wonderfully helped and the entire membership has grown spiritually and have deeper interest in seeing the Kingdom of God built up the world over. The Foreign Mission spirit has taken on new life, while Home Missions being very near to each one a conviction of the needs of the great home land and those that seek entrance at our open doors. Yet State Missions finds us still more eager to do something for our own missionaries and their fields of labor.

"In the thirty-two churches in the Association we have a membership of female members 2,542,

number of members engaged in Society work 522, leaving a balance of ladies who are not members of any Society, 2,018. Societies reported in church letters to Associations $570, or more than a dollar per member. Three new Societies have been organized. During the year I have written seventy-eight letters, forty-two postals, gotten five clubs to Journal, six clubs to Home Field, held one fifth Sunday meeting and one Associational Meeting.

"We now have eighteen Societies in existence. We have lost two—Swift Creek and Salem disbanded. I have heard from all of these within the last two months."

ROBESON.—Mrs. H. T. Pope. Lumberton. Churches 44. Societies, 31. Members, 589.

"In some respects the Woman's Work in Robeson Association has not progressed this year as we hoped it would.

"Two Societies in town churches and three or four in the country have ceased to exist. One cause for this, so far as can be learned, is that the town churches have been without pastors and the country churches have had as pastors men who were not in spirit and in truth 'Missionary Baptists.'

"Another cause is, that owing to circumstances the Vice-President has been unable to keep up with her work as closely as before. Very few of the Societies who pledged anything for this year have fallen below their aim, and two or more have more than reached it.

"We have some faithful, constant workers in our number, and when our plans for another year are completed we hope to advance more steadily, and at the same time more thoroughly."

SOUTH FORK.—Mrs. Beeler Moore, Gastonia. Churches, 43. Societies, 11. Members, 119.

"During each quarter I have tried to reach each church in the Association in some way, especially the churches where Societies have been organized or where there was some thought of organization. I have kept 'steadily at it,' as you advised, and have succeeded in organizing one Missionary Society, three Sunbeam Societies and one Young Ladies' Society.

"At the Association I urged the Societies to report and to answer my letters, encouraging those who have been faithful. I also tried to show how an 'Aid Society' and Missionary Society could be had in the same church, and begged the ones who only have the 'aid' to attempt the other. It is interesting to note that the only churches in this Associaion that gave more than $1.00 per capita were the ones that had Missionary or Sunbeam Societies."

SOUTH RIVER.—Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg. Churches, 31. Societies, 13. Members, 237.

"During first quarter of 1905 I put the year's work and new plans before each Society. A few observed 'Week of Prayer' and 'Self-Denial Week.' Have written about forty letters. Held two fifth Sunday meetings during this year—one in Salemburg in April with marked success, and in July held another in Autryville, where we received a cordial and warm welcome. A Society there had just previously been re-organized.

"In September I wrote to each Society in regard to Associational Meeting, and planned for same.

"In October rode twenty miles to hold the As-

sociational Meeting. On the second day of the Association there was a full delegation and many visitors. Eight Societies were represented. Eleven reported their work for this year and aims for 1906, as had been previously requested. Total aims for all the Societies for 1906, as reported at Associational Meeting, was $361.25.

"In 1904 the Societies in South River Association raised $247.06; in 1905, $302.35; therefore have raised $55.29 more than last year.

"A box has been prepared by the Fayetteville Society for Home Missionary, valued at $60.00

"Two Societies reorganized during this year—Magnolia and Autryville.

"Considering its few members, White Oak surpasses any other Society in contributions.

"Salemburg Society will strive to come up to their aim and support a Bible woman."

SANDY RUN.—Mrs. T. G. Hamrick, Caroleen. Churches, 29. Societies, 9. Members, 75.

Woman's Mission Work in this Association has been difficult, but is showing marked signs of growth. Two new Societies organized by Mrs. Follett.

SOUTH YADKIN.—Mrs. Delia Burke, Statesville. Churches, 34. Societies, 16. Members, 258.

"In our Association we have not attained to what I had hoped we would during the past year; yet I believe we are on the verge of a great awakening. The Gospel Mission spirit which has been such an obstacle to organized mission work is gradually giving way, and difficulties and prejudices are being broken down. I believe there are glorious results in the future for us. 'Not by

might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'

"In our Association there has been, this year, seven new Missionary Societies organized. Others are weighing the matter. While most of our Societies pay their dues for missions, several have done more—they have aimed at some stated amount over and above their dues. The Spencer church aimed to raise $60.00 for Foreign Missions. The Statesville W. M. Society's aim is $125.00 for Foreign Missions, $25.00 for the expenses of a girl in Miss Price's School, Shanghai, China and $100.00 for a native worker. The Junior Missionary Society (Statesville) will pay the expenses of a girl in Miss Price's School. The Statesville Society also packed a box for a Frontier Missionary in Oklahoma valued at $58."

STANLY.—Mrs. A. T. Burris, Albemarle. Churches, 24. Societies, 3. Members, 53.

The work is young in this Association. Annual Meetings have been held, much mission literature distributed, and churches are inquiring about organization.

TAR RIVER.—Miss Margaret Shields, Scotland Neck. Churches, 87. Societies, 45. Members, 747.

It is to be regreted that no detailed report can be given of work in Tar River for the past year. Mrs. Josiah Crudup, our former Vice-President having left the Association an interval of several months intervened before Miss Shields' appointment. Miss Shields, with the aid of Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, however planned and held a most enthusiastic Annual Meeting at Tarboro. Since her recent appointment, Miss Shields has taken the work up with wisdom and enthusiasm; the Socie-

ties in this, our largest, and in many respects our strongest Association, are teeming with energy and zeal, and we safely prophesy great things for the Tar River.

UNION.—Mrs. W. F. Watson, Monroe. Churches, 34. Societies, 5. Members, 44.

"The organization of the Annual Meeting for the Association and the resurrection of the Society at Meadow Branch Church, located at Wingate, together with the organization of a Sunbeam Society for Monroe, embraces the work practically accomplished during the year

"We now have Societies at Marshville, Monroe and Meadow Branch Church, with the prospect of a few new organizations during the coming year

"Our Association is largely composed of country churches, and it is most difficult to find in them women interested and equipped for this work, hence the slow progress along this line. It is hoped and believed, however, that our schools and colleges will soon remedy this defect, and we hope to see a vigorous Society in every church in Union County before a great many years."

WEST CHOWAN.—Mrs. Kate Griffin, Woodland. Churches, 49. Societies, 44. Members, 981.

"It is with feeling of genuine humility and deepest gratitude that I can report this year some decided advance in the work of the Missionary Societies of the West Chowan Association.

"Fourteen Societies have been organized; the number of Societies reporting each quarter has increased; the circulation of the Missionary Journals has largely grown; greater interest is being taken in the training of children in missions;

and it is inspiring to know how enthusiastically some of our young people are entering into the work.

"Public meetings have been held in connection with every fifth Sunday Union Meeting, our Sunday-school Convention and Associational Meeting. I believe these meetings do a great deal of good. At our Associational Meeting twenty-eight Societies were represented—the largest representation in our history.

"The Societies are now looking forward with great interest to Mrs. Follett's coming to our Association.

"But in spite of these encouragements, we cannot close our eyes to the dark side. There are so many needs on every hand, so much ground untouched, and so many members of Missionary Societies whose hearts have not been burdened with responsibility.

"Then, too, we have again failed of our $1,000.00 aim for Home, State and Foreign Missions. Owing to repeated failure, we are afraid to set our aims for another year, but are none the less resolved to try to 'go forward.'"

Invitation to visit the large Missionary Museum open in the lower room from 3 to 5 o'clock on the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, was extended to both members of the Annual Meeting and State Convention.

Announcement was made of Sectional Conferences to be held at 3 o'clock, as follows:

On Sunbeam Work.—Conducted by Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Raleigh.

On Young Ladies' Work.—Conducted by Miss Margaret Shields, Scotland Neck.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

SATURADY MORNING, DEC. 9, 1905.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Miss Marie Buhlmair, of Baltimore; reading from twelfth chapter of Acts.

Dr. Vann, President of the Baptist University for Women, invited the ladies to attend a concert Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Mrs. Follett asked that a committee be appointed to express love for and appreciation of the Women's Missionary Society of North Carolina for the faithful President and Central Committee. The following ladies to be appointed on said committee:

Mrs. J. F. Laneau, Chairman, Wake Forest; Mrs. Howell, Waynesville; Miss E. A. Draughn, Asheville; Mrs. L. G. Grant, Goldsboro; Mrs. Juliet Duffy, New Bern, Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Durham.

Motion put by Mrs. Follett and unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on State Missions presented by Mrs. H. Montague and adopted by rising vote as follows:

"The women of North Carolina contributed last year through Women's Missionary Societies $3,092.61 for State Missions. It is gratifying to state that in the last few years we have been steadily increasing our offering to this object. In view of the fact that State Missions is in a sense parent to world-wide missions, we recommend that the women of North Carolina pledge themselves to raise for State Missions in the coming year $4,000.00."

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions pre-

sented by Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Chairman:

"We, your committee, recommend (1) that the Women's Missionary Societies of North Carolina give to Foreign Missions in the year, December, 1905, and December, 1906, the sum of $7,000.00; (2) that fifteen hundred dollars of the above amount be our Christmas Offering for the support of three Yates Memorial missionaries in China."

Mrs. W. C. Tyree spoke to the report, suggesting (1) that full explanations be made by pastor as to object of the Christmas offering, its importance, time for collection, etc.; (2) distribution of envelopes by Society members with promise to call at a given time for envelopes not returned; (3) that we magnify the Week of Prayer.

A number of delegates took part in the discussion which followed, after which the report of committee was adopted by rising vote.

Mrs. C. H. Norton, of Durham, reported for the Committee on Time and Place as follows:

"The majority of your committee would recommend as follows:

"(1) That, whereas, the growth as the Baptist State Convention and the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies make the entertainment of the united bodies an almost impossible task for even our largest cities, we recommend that hereafter the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Societies be held at a separate time and place from the Baptist State Convention.

"(2) That the time of the Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Societies be the second week in April.

"(3) That the first separate meeting be held in Durham the second week in April, 1906."

On motion, the report was discussed seriatum. Discussion on the first clause was participated in by Mrs. Charles Haywood, Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Mrs. W. N. Jones, Mrs. C. V. Follett, Mrs. Lucretia Young, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wildman and others.

Mrs. B. F. Dixon, of the Methodist Church, was recognized and spoke of the advantages of separation, as illustrated by the separate meetings of the Societies of the Methodist Church.

Vote on the first clause of report was taken by ballott, resulting in 117 votes for separation and 17 against.

On motion of Mrs. Charles Haywood this was made unanimous by a rising vote.

The second clause of recommendations—the time the second week in April—was discussed by Mrs. Howell, Mrs. W. N. Jones, and others.

A rising vote showed body in favor of April with the exception of eight members.

The third clause, that the first meeting be held in Durham the second week in April, 1906, was unanimously adopted without discussion.

Mrs. Lucretia Young lead in prayer for blessing on the step just taken and on the first separate meeting.

Miss Heck presented the report of the work of the Central Committee for the year, 1905, together with contrast of contributions by Associations for 1904-1905.

WORK OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Letters written	6,773
Postals	346
Programs sent out	2,920
Offering Envelopes	19,056

Leaflets	33,000
Mite Barrels	503
Report blanks	2,800
Societies organized	174
Expenses of printing, postage, stationery	$223.72
Traveling expenses of General Organizer from April to November 30th	67.00

CONTRAST OF TOTALS FOR THE YEARS 1904-1905.

Societies reporting 1905	472
Societies reporting 1904	442
Total in 1904	$14,287.93
Total in 1905	17,158.49
Total gain	2,870.56
Total in money, 1904	10,108.69
Total in money, 1905	11,917.61
Gain	1,808.92
Total in boxes, 1904	4,179.93
Total in boxes, 1905	5,240.88
Gain	1,061.68

	1904.	1905.	Aim.
Foreign Missions	$3,590.97	$4,323.28	.....
Xmas Offering	1,121.08	1,024.51	.....
Yates' College	402.67	40.08	.....
Total	5,114.72	5,587.87	6,500.00

Home Missions...	$1,527.03	$1,976.59	.....
Week Self-Denial.	973.02	1,093.53	$3,500.00
Boxes	4,179.24	5,242.88	3,500.00
Total	6,679.29	8,311.00	7,000.00
State Missions ...	$2,412.02	$3,092.61	$3,000.00
Boxes	77.50	.....	.....
Total	2,489.93	.....	3,000.00
S. S. Board.....	1.50	.....	.....
Expense Fund.....	2.90	167.01	.....
Total	44,287.93	17,158.49	16,500.00

Societies organized, 1904..... 104
Societies organized, 1905..... 174

ASSOCIATIONAL TOTALS.

	1904.	1905.
Atlantic	$161.89	$284.85
Beulah	87.33	66.01
Brunswick	79.22	76.31
Brushy Mountain	43.02	34.00
Bladen	31.70	36.00
Buncombe	819.30	952.27
Cape Fear and Columbus.	84.21	113.89
Carolina	5.00	13.75
Caldwell	12.65	11.70
Catawba	.....	5.00
Cedar Creek	102.57	114.85
Chowan	205.02	334.89
Eastern	188.46	185.54
Central	991.12	954.55

Flat River	$431.47	$474.23
French Broad	45.90	174.52
Green River	179.91	236.50
Haywood	172.99	187.85
Johnston County	318.01	305.06
Kings Mountain	145.52	114.44
Little River	24.00	24.00
Liberty	167.57	198.68
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.	735.76	1,058.63
Montgomery	7.25	24.15
Mitchell County	188.74	179.70
Mount Zion	1,383.77	1,916.27
New Foundland	.....	2.20
Neuse	775.87	770.81
Pee Dee	594.89	427.85
Piedmont	546.45	610.90
Pilot Mountain	417.82	606.04
Raleigh	607.51	537.76
Roberson	848.55	857.05
Sandy Run	82.16	73.13
Sandy Creek	390.06	355.17
South Fork	223.74	496.00
South River	247.06	344.74
South Yadkin	349.38	408.67
Surry	13.01	10.00
Stanly	51.04	72.50
Transylvania	3.50	.....
Tar River	1,414.86	1,607.84
Tuckasugee	5.70	.....
Union	188.67	237.79
West Chowan	777.91	1,607.84
Western North Carolina	1.00	.....
Wilmington	.....	348.55
Yancy	.....	3.80
Associations Unknown	47.87	21.40
Total	14,287.93	17,158.49

ASSOCIATIONS REPORTING OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Mount Zion	$1916.27
Tar River	1,607.84
West Chowan	1,066.83

ASSOCIATIONS HAVING LARGEST NUMBER OF SOCIETIES REPORTING.

	Societies.	Churches.
Robeson	27	44
West Chowan	45	49
Tar River	39	89
Mount Zion	39	46

Miss Mary Applewhite, Chairman, submitted report on Young Ladies' Work, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend (1) That every endeavor be put forth to organize the young women of our churches into Mission Study Classes.

(2) That a leader, especially charged with the supervision of this work throughout the State, be appointed by the Central Committee.

(3) That the motto of the Young Woman's Work in our State be, "Arise quickly for the Lord has promised great things."

Miss Applewhite spoke to the recommendations, which were unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Lumpkin, Chairman, offered the report of the Committee on the Margaret Home for Missionaries' Children as follows:

THE MARGARET HOME.

For many months the Baptist women of the South have been deeply interested in establishing

a home for missionaries' children. It was made possible by Mrs. Frank Chambers, of New York, who, through Miss Annie Armstrong, of Baltimore, was led to make a donation of $10,000 for the purpose.

The Home in Greenville, S. C., is situated on the top of a hill and the lawn contains six acres of ground. The house is large and attractive in appearance and the grounds are capable of being made very beautiful.

The committee who have this in charge call on us, the women of North Carolina, for a very modest sum to help in the furnishing of the Home.

Let us rally to its support and meet the needs with our hearts filled with something of the love that inspired the heart of the woman who manifested her great love in this splendid gift.

In view of these facts your committee recommends:

1. That we support this institution with our love and prayers.

2. That every Society and Band in the State will, at the meeting in September, make a free-will offering for the Margaret Home.

3. That at the conclusion of this report we, the Woman's Missionary Union, will rise and with Miss Buhalmair, of Baltimore to lead us, lift our hearts to God invoking his blessing upon the donor of this Home, the supporters and upon the precious children who are being placed there for training.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. T. LUMPKIN,
Chairman.

After adoption of motion, Miss Buhalmair lead in earnest prayer.

Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Chairman of Commitee on Sunbeam Work, reported as follows:

"Realizing the importance of sowing missionary seed in the hearts of children while they are young and responsive, the committee recommends that first we try to arouse the interest of the mothers in the work of our Bands and that the leaders make a great er effort to develop the spiritual nature of the children as well as the financial standing of their Societies.

"We also recommend that we make as our aim one hundred and fifty Societies, reporting every quarter, and that we attempt to raise fourteen hundred dollars for missions, to be apportioned as follows:

"Foreign Missions, $750.00; State Missions, $350.00; Home Missions, $300.00."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Mrs. Ashley Horne, for the Committee on Apportionment, reported as follows:

Your committee has gone over the Association carefully and apportioned to each one amounts varying from one-sixth to one-fourth more than given last year. This was done without consultation with the committees on Home, State and Foreign Missions, and while we find some difference in the total amount named by us and by them, the difference is surprisingly small. We, however, recommend that the total amount aimed for by the Societies be $21,000.00. That the hundred and seventy-two dollars, over and above the Associational apportionments here named, be made up by each Association, adding an apportionate amount to the said sums.

ASSOCIATIONAL APPORTIONMENT.

Atlantic	$330.00
Beulah	100.00
Brunswick	90.00
Brushy Mountain	40.00
Bladen	60.00
Buncombe	1,100.00
Cape Fear and Columbus	135.00
Carolina	16.00
Caldwell	14.00
Catawba	6.00
Cedar Creek	140.00
Chowan	390.00
Central	1,100.00
Eastern	216.00
Flat River	554.00
French Broad	200.00
Green River	265.00
Haywood	215.00
Johnston County	500.00
Kings Mountain	150.00
Little River	30.00
Liberty	230.00
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	1,250.00
Montgomery	30.00
Mitchell County	225.00
Mt. Zion	2,200.00
New Foundland	2.50
Neuse	850.00
Pee Dee	500.00
Piedmont	700.00
Pilot Mountain	800.00
Raleigh	800.00
Roberson	1,000.00
Sandy Run	100.00
Sandy Creek	375.00
South Fork	580.00
South River	400.00
South Yadkin	475.00
Surry	12.00
Stanly	100.00

Transylvania	10.00
Tar River	2,000.00
Tuckasugee	5.00
Union	275.00
West Chowan	1,200.00
West North Carolina	406.00
Wilmington	406.00
Yancey	50.00
Association Unknown	25.00
Total	$20,428.00

Mrs. Joseph Weathers submitted report of the Committee on the Home for the Louisville Training School for Young Women, prepared by Mrs. H. H. Mashburn, of Louisburg, which, after discussion by Miss Maude Burke, who spent a year at the Training School, was unanimously adopted:

REPORT ON HOME FOR LOUISVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School and Home, located in Louisville, Ky., beg leave to report the following:

Since this object has not been considered heretofore by this body it is thought not unwise to refer as briefly as is consistent with clearness to the origin and history of said school and Home.

Some years ago the Rev. E. Z. Simmons, of China, while on a visit to this country, urged the establishment of a woman's training school in connection with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for the more complete preparation of women for the foreign field. He enlisted the interest of many Baptist women of the South, it being considered most appropriate that this work should be maintained by our Baptist women. The women's societies, not taking up the matter, however, the trustees of the Seminary, in response to the pressing need, authorized the faculty to invite women desiring training to attend the Seminary courses of lectures. The feeling was prevalent that this was a department of

work greatly needing the co-operation of our Baptist women's missionary organizations. With a view to their co-operation, therefore, the Woman's Missionary Union appointed a committee and requested the Southern Baptist Convention at Savannah in 1903 to appoint a committee to consider the entire subject of location, curriculum, etc., of the Woman's Training School. These two committees deliberated jointly for one year, and at the Convention in Nashville, in 1904, reported in favor of leaving the Training School in Louisville, and the Southern Baptist Convention commended it to the support of all our Baptist people.

In consequence of this action the faculty drafted a course of studies suitable for women, this being twofold:

(1) Admission to some of the regular classes of the Seminary.

(2) A special Personal Workers' Training Class. But the young women do not study homiletics, nor are they taught to preach.

THE HOME.

Such opportunities offered by the Seminary are bringing to Louisville an increasing number of young women from all parts of the South, eager to fit themselves for the Master's work. Realizing the pressing need of giving these young women the protection of a Christian home, the Baptist women of Louisville and Kentucky assumed the temporary responsibility of meeting it, trusting to the sympathy and substantial help of their sisters in other States to continue and enlarge the work begun.

To this end they brought the matter before the Woman's Missionary Union in its recent meeting at Kansas City, and the following resolution, offered by Mrs. J. F. Eliot, of Missouri, was unanimously carried:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend to the prayerful investigation of the sisters all over our Southland the work now being done at the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary for the training of our women for missionaries, and the desirability of sustaining a home for the young women who may avail themselves of the training offered, so that we may be prepared to decide at our next meeting whether Woman's Missionary Union shall undertake the work of sustaining the Home."

This work has been twice commended to the support of the Southern Baptist Convention (at Nashville and Kansas City). The work here offered to young women who expect to work at home and abroad is admirably adapted to their needs. A splendid home has been rented, where the young women live. It is, then, no longer a debatable question as to whether there will be such a training school in Louisville under the sanction of the Seminary trustees and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Believing that this school and Home have come into being to satisfy a real need, and that they are indispensable to the highest efficiency in carrying forward our splendid missionary enterprises, we commend them as in every way worthy of support to the Baptist women of North Carolina who now have in Miss Sophia Lanneau, their representative, one of the State's brightest daughters, who undoubtedly is fitting herself for great service in the Master's cause.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows, the report being unanimously adopted:

OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, adopt the following tributes to our dead:

Again the Henderson Missionary Society has been called upon to lose one of it smost consecrated members in the death of Mrs. Chelta Darden Lassiter.

The Marshal Baptists were called upon to give up their beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. M. A. Wood, whose place will be hard to fill, who gave her life for missions in the mountains.

Mrs. Seaton Welch, of Apex, N. C.; Mr. Allen, Wadesboro; Mrs. Harriss, of Edgemont, Durham County, all faithful workers, have been taken home. Miss Wilson, of Greenville, N. C., has gone home.

Mrs. J. A. Turlington, one of the most influential members of the Salemburg Society, passed from earth to heaven in June.

Miss Lizzie Edmunson, a bright, beautiful young girl, member of Mount Nelson church, a student of the Baptist University, was home on her vacation for the summer and was taken with fever, when the Lord took her.

Mrs. Major Clement, of Mocksville, a most active and efficient worker in her church and Association, has gone to her reward.

Mrs. J. J. Hayes, of Louisburg, a faithful worker and consecrated woman, has been called home.

The Woodland Society has been suddenly cast in gloom by the sudden death of Mrs. Eliza Garrett, the oldest and perhaps the most influential member of her church.

Mrs. A. D. Hunter, the beloved wife of Rev. A. D. Hunter, of Cary, N. C., was taken to her rest beyond.

Miss Eula Bauchem, of Green Level, Wake County, N. C.

Mrs. M. J. Bonling, Shady Grove, Wake County.

Miss Hattie James, the beloved Vice-President of Beulah Association, has gone to dwell with God. She was a faithful worker.

Mrs. H. L. Watson, First Church, Raleigh.

Mrs. McNeil has gone from her labors on earth.

Little Claudia Blalock, a lovely Sunbeam worker in Mitchell Association, left the band of children upon earth to sing around the throne of God in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. G. HUDGIN, *Chairman.*
MRS. A. F. YATES,
MRS. J. S. LEONARD,
MRS. MATTIE LEE JENNINGS,
MISS BERTIE HARRELL.

A conference of the Vice-Presidents and the Central Committee was announced for 3:00.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned to meet in a missionary mass-meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FOURTH SESSION.

Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 p. m.

Music by choir of First Church.

Singing by congregation, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Mrs. Pope, of Lumberton, read the Scriptures.

Mrs. C. M. V. Follett led in prayer.

Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Secretary of Home Mission Board, spoke of Home Missions.

Miss Marie Buhlameir, of "A day at the Immigrant Pier."

The Young Woman's Christian Association of the Baptist University for Women, sang the Associational hymn, "Oh, Haste thee Zion," as a special greeting to Miss Maud Burke, a B. U. W. graduate, soon to go to the foreign field as the first representative of that institution.

Miss Burke spoke on the "Young Woman's Call," addressing herself especially to the young ladies of the University.

Miss M. F. Sullinger, Home Missionary from Fruitland Institute, Henderson County, N. C., spoke of "A School Among the Mountains."

Committee on Motto reported as follows:

We recommend for our motto for 1906 the following:

"If ye love me keep my commandments." "We will come again rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us."

Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report:

Resolved 1st. That we offer our heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Raleigh for the very cordial reception given us into their hospitable homes.

2d. To the members of the First Baptist church for the use of their church for our meetings, and for the attention so kindly shown us by the ladies of the First church.

3d. To the ushers who have been so faithful and capable.

4th. To Dr. Vann, the faculty and students of the University for Women for their kind invitation to the entertainment given at the University.

MRS. W. J. MATTHEWS,
Chairman of Committee.

Mrs. John F. Lanneau submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted by rising vote:

We, your Committee, wish to express, for the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina, to our President and the Central Committee, love and appreciation for their untiring services.

You have wisely and gently guided us from our infancy, our beloved President and five of the Central Committee having served us the nineteen consecutive years.

We pledge to you our loyalty, sympathy and prayers.

MRS. JOHN F. LANNEAU,
Chairman Committee.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on the "Woman of Foresight." Mrs. Lumpkin called attention to the fact that only one on the program was missing, Rev. Calder Willingham, who was detained by the severe illness of his wife, and requested that those present join in prayer for Mrs. Willingham's recovery. On request, Mrs. Lumpkin led in prayer.

Dr. Willingham led in the closing prayer, after which the fifteenth annual meeting of the W. M. Societies, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, adjourned to meet the second week in April in the city of Durham.

MRS. D. RICH, *Secretary.*

THE WORKING PLANS OF THE SOCIETIES FOR 1906.

At a meeting of the Associational Vice Presidents and the Central Committee, held Saturday. December 10th, the following recommendations for the year's work were adopted:

These resolutions, which are practically a synopsis of the resolutions taken in the Annual Meeting of December 7-11, 1905, are submitted to the Societies as the Working Plans for the year, or until revised at the first separate Annual Meeting, to be held in Durham the second week in April, 1906.

1. We recommend that the Woman's Missionary Societies, the Young Ladies' Societies, and the Sunbeams, of North Carolina, take for their united aim for the year December 1905-1906, giving to State, Home and Foreign Missions the sum of $21,000, one-third of which shall have been reported by March 30, 1906.

That the sum of Foreign Missions be $7,000, fifteen hundred of which shall be the Christmas Offering for China, and eight hundred and thirty-three for the completion of the $1,500 fund began in 1905, for the Owen School for Boys in North China.

That we endeavor to give to Home Missions the sum of $10,000, five thousand in money and five thousand in boxes to Frontier Missionaries and for the equipment of Mountain Schools; that $430 of the five thousand in money be for the completion of the $1,000 fund begun in 1905 for the Tichenor Memorial Church Building Loan Fund.

That we give to State Missions $4,000; that the Societies in sending in funds use great care

in designating the object for which they are intended.

2. That we endeavor to organize 150 new Socieies, and to have 650 Societies reporting in 1906.

3. Knowing that knowledge of Missions is of first importance in increasing our own zeal and enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of others, we urge upon the Woman's Missionary Societies the following of a regular course of Mission study, recommending as the basis for the year 1906, Daybreak in the Dark Continent, a Study of Africa; that with this be coupled each month a review of current events in Southern Baptist and World Wide Missions; that as best fitted to supply the latest news of Home and Foreign fields, the number of subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal be increased.

4. We appeal to the young women of the Church for their active co-operation in Mission work, asking that they band themselves together in Mission Study classes, taking as the basis of their first year's study MacClear's Outline Study of Missions. To the end that the younger women of our church be brought into the Mission work in which we are engaged, we urgently recommend to the Woman's Missionary Societies and to the pastors that they foster such classes by their sympathetic aid, signalizing the year 1906 by a notable forward movement in Young Woman's Work.

5. Being convinced that the children of to-day must be trained for Missions and that neglect at this point will bring disaster and defeat on this great cause twenty years hence, we again urge that no Woman's Missionary Society rest satisfied until there is an active, wisely superintended Sun-

beam Society in connection with the church to which it belongs; that the aim of North Carolina Sunbeams for the year December 1905-1906 be $1,400.

6. That the two new objects presented to the Societies—the Margaret Home for the Children of Home and Foreign Missionaries and the Home in connection with the Louisville Training School for Young Ladies—be given our sympathetic consideration; that as speedily as possible the $110 asked for by the Woman's Missionary Union as North Carolina's share in the furnishing of the Margaret Home be raised; that hereafter free-will offerings for the running expenses of this Home be made in September; that contributions to the Margaret Home and Home for the Louisville Training School, neither of which come under the head of Home, State or Foreign Missions, although valuable adjuncts to all, be over and above the $21,000 aim.

7. That all Societies having twenty-five members or less contribute the sum of one dollar a year to the expenses of the Central Committee (printing, postage and stationary) and the traveling expenses of the General Organizer; that Societies of over twenty-five members contribute two dollars annually for the same purpose; that May be the time when the expense fund shall be sent in; that this fund shall be over and above the $21,000 aim for Home, State and Foreign Missions.

8. That as far as in our power lies as individuals, Sunday-school teachers and members of the Missionary Societies, we endeavor to bring Missionary thought, teaching and giving into the Sunday-schools; that the Missionary Birthday Bank be used as a means to this end.

9. That the special occasions for yrayers and gifts—the Christmas Offering, the Week of Prayer for Missions at the first of the year, the Week of Self-Denial for Home Missions in March, and State Mission Day in June, be more widely and prayerfully observed than ever before; that with each of these occasions be coupled earnest prayer for the guidance and enlargement of the Woman's Mission Work of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina, in all its branches; that until the second week in April, 1906, a special and continuous prayer be made for great blessings upon the General Meeting of the Societies to be held in Durham the second week in April 1906.

10. Finally, we recommend to the love, aid and appreciation of the Societies, the Associational Vice Presidents and the General Organizer, asking that the former be aided by prompt Quarterly reports, in arrangement for Fifth Sunday and Annual Associational Meetings, and in the arrangements for visits to Societies; that the latter be forwarded in her Missionary journeys in all needed ways; that all these officers be esteemed very highly for their work's sake.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

1. Mrs. Chas. F. Meserve, Raleigh.
2. Mrs. John C. Gorman, Fayetteville.
3. Miss Julia Yopp, Wilson.
4. Mrs. J. M. Gardner, Warrenton.
5. Miss Vera Perrington, Albemarle.
6. Miss Silye Lee, Laurinburg.
7. Miss Ava Lawrence, Brassfield Church.
8. Mrs. J. R. Pace, Knotts Grove Church.
9. Mrs. G. J. Dowell, Sandy Creek.
10. Mrs. A. L. Houser, Winston.
11. Miss Daphine Williams, Clayton.

12. Mrs. Mattie White, Bethel Church.
13. Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, Durham.
14. Mrs. R. A. Pass, Roxboro.
17. Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin, Scotland Neck.
18. Mrs. H. Montague, Winston.
19. Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro.
20. Mrs. A. W. Green, Littleton.
21. Miss Emma Welch, Holly Springs.
22. Miss Lila B. Markham, Durham.
23. Miss Lena Spain, Kinston.
24. Miss Frances Ransom, New Bethel.
25. Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro.
26. Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg.
27. Miss Mary Lockett, Yancyville.
28. Mrs. Mattie Jennings, Blanche Church.
29. Miss Emma Parker, Hillsboro.
30. Mrs. J. S. Spurgeon, Hillsboro.
31. Mrs. T. J. Ransom, King's Mountain Asso.
32. Mrs. C. W. Harrell, Woodland.
33. Mrs. Nora G. Webb, Wilmington.
34. Mrs. L. N. Chappell, Hamlet.
35. Mrs. R. B. Carrington, Selma.
36. Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr., Lumberton.
37. Mrs. H. T. Pope, Vive-President Robeson Asso.
38. Mrs. W. H. Penny, Gastonia.
39. Miss Janie Bivens, Wingate.
40. Miss Susan Clark, Raleigh.
41. Elizabeth Briggs, Raleigh.
42. Mrs. W. T. Jones, Morehead City.
43. Mrs. C. S. Cashwell, Mocksville.
44. Mrs. D. Rich, Winston.
45. Miss Millie Hunter, Durham.
46. Mrs. J. W. Arnette, Albemarle.
47. Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Apex.
48. Miss Laura Pendergraph, Durham.
49. Mrs. J. S. Leonard, Statesville.
50. Miss Eva Watson, Sandy Run Church.
54. Miss Carrie Booker, Charlotte.
52. Mrs. G. T. Watkins, Roxboro.
53. Miss E. A. Draughan, V. P. Buncome Asso.
54. Miss Essie Edwards, Hebron Church.

55. Mrs. Trim White, Elizabeth City.
56. Mrs. L. D. Price, Friendship Church.
57. Mrs. Cattie Jordan, Silver City.
58. Mrs. E. T. Turlington, White Oak.
59. Mrs. C. M. Cooper, Henderson.
60. Mrs. H. V. Booker, High Point.
61. Miss Lenna Morris, East Durham.
62. Miss Flora O'Neal, Edgmont Church.
60. Mrs. Azor Schell, Greensboro.
64. Miss Annie L. Smith, Henderson.
65. Mrs. T. Johnson, Kenonsville.
66. Mrs. M. A. Adams, Winston.
67. Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salem.
68. Mrs. Lucretia Young, Bear Creek Church.
69. Mrs. L. M. Curtis, Ahoskie.
70. Mrs. C. H. Morton, Durham.
71. Miss Flora O'Neal, Edgmont Church.
72. Miss Mary Taylor, Buckhorn Church.
75. Miss Annie Strayhorn, Durham.
74. Mrs. J. E. Brett, Union.
75. Miss Annie Stray born, Durham.
76. Mrs. W. S. Olive, Olive Chapel.
77. Miss Hattie Siler, Waynesville.
78. Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Aulander.
79. Miss Minnie Ward, West Durham.
80. Mrs. D. H. Greene, New Bern.
81. Mrs. A. S. Howard, Salemburg.
82. Miss Bertie Harrell, Cool Spring Church.
83. Mrs. T. B. Henry, V. P. Pee Dee Asso.
84. Miss Brownie Parker, Meherrin Church.
85. Mrs. Juliet C. Duffy, New Bern.
86. Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Madison.
87. Mrs. G. L. Merrill, Rocky Mount.
88. Mrs. F. Ferguson, Rocky Mount.
89. Miss Addie Waitt, Raleigh.
90. Mrs. F. W. Ashcroft, Marshville.
91. Miss Nita M. Hedspeth, Roberts Chapel Ch.
92. Miss Evye Street, Mill Creek Church.
93. Mrs. Z. M. Caveness, Wakefield.
94. Mrs. C. D. Ray, Oxford.
95. Mrs. J. E. Brett, Union.

96. Mrs. J. H. Booth, Snow Hill.
97. Mrs. O. L. Stringfield, Burnville.
98. Mrs. C. A. Jenkins, Statesville.
99. Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Winston.
100. Mrs. Alden Howell, Waynesville.
101. Miss Martha Sullinger, Fruitland.
102. Mrs. M. V. Gilbert, Elizabeth City.
103. Miss Benlade Bowdin, Mars Hill.
104. Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Cary.
105. Mrs. A. L. Betts, Winston-Salem.
106. Miss Belle Tyner, Duke.
107. Miss Lilly Holloway, Robertson Grove.
108. Mrs. R. L. Gray, Windsor.
109. Mrs. E. A. Covington, Wadesboro.
110. Mrs. H. J. Jordan, Margrettsville.
111. Miss Maude Stancell, Margrettsville.
112. Miss Annie Biggs, Scotland Neck.
113. Mrs. A. C. Liverman, Scotland Neck.
114. Miss Margaret Shields, Scotland Neck.
115. Mrs. S. L. Owen, Lexington.
116. Miss Mary Watson, Spring Hill.
117. Mrs. Archibald Johnson, Thomasville.
118. Mrs. W. J. Matthews, Spring Hill.
119. Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Raleigh.
120. Mrs. Thos. J. Latham, Washington.
121. Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Gastonia.
122. Miss Maude Osborne, Mars Hill.
123. Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, Gastonia.
124. Mrs. Mary Morrow, Gastonia.
125. Miss Blanche Haynes, Haynesville.
126. Mrs. S. H. Pruitt, Wilmington.
127. Mrs. J. W. Wildman, Chapel Hill.
128. Mrs. Jno. K. Hankins, Lexington.
129. Mrs. Harvey Church, Wilkesboro.
130. Miss Lizzie W. Elliott, Rich Square.
131. Mrs. E. J. Harrell, Rich Square.
132. Mrs. J. P. McNeill, Lumberton.
133. Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Raleigh.
134. Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh.
135. Mrs. P. S. Parsons, Washington.
136. Mrs. W. H. Mutehead, Beaufort.

127. Miss Mary F. Lanneau, Wake Forest.
122. Mrs. B. E. Parham, Greenville.
123. Mrs. W. G. Ferrell, Wadesboro.
124. Miss Bertha Callaway, Palmerville.
127. Mrs. W. N. Holloway.
128. Mrs. R. J. Conyers, Youngville.
129. Mrs. S. G. Wilson.
130. Mrs. Robert Holloman, Ahoskie.
131. Mrs. A. D. Warkham, Durham.
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133. Mrs. Alfred Jones, Raleigh.
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139. Mrs. G. M. Lindsay, Snow Hill.
137. Mrs. Ralph L. Tyson, Carthage.
138. Mrs. W. P. Pool, Mt. Moriah.
139. Mrs. A. F. Yates, Aberdeen.
140. Mrs. J. B. Brooks, Rocky Mt.
141. Mrs. J. B. Martin, Rocky Mt.
142. Mrs. Charles E. Brewer, Wake Forest.
143. Mrs. J. E. Debnam, Snow Hill.
144. Miss Lula F. Brooks, Jonesboro.
145. Mrs. E. Lee, Dunn.
146. Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde.
147. Mrs. W. A. Burke, Raleigh.
148. Miss Julia Yopp, Wilson.
149. Mrs. J. D. Briggs, Raleigh.
150. Mrs. William Burroughs.
151. Miss Mary Jones Cameron.
152. Mrs. Carrick.
153. Mrs. R. G. Kendrick, Jr., Laurinburg.
154. Mrs. John A. Oates, Fayetteville.
155. Mrs. N. B. Josey, Scotland Neck.
156. Mrs. John C. Gorbane, Fayetteville.
157. Mrs. A. R. Love, Hendersonville.
158. Mrs. W. L. Ray, Mt. Vernon.
159. Mrs. T. N. Ivey, Raleigh.
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161. Mrs. T. L. Brown, Delnay.

162. Mrs. R. M. Dodd, Raleigh.
163. Mrs. R. H. Gower, Raleigh.
164. Miss Jessie Corpening, Mars Hill.
165. Mrs. C. W. Carter, Clayton.
166. Mrs. C. F. Gordon, Raleigh.
167. Mrs. M. J. Carroll, Raleigh.
168. Mrs. B. L. Tyree, Durham.
169. Mrs. N. S. Peury, Raleigh.
170. Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh.
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172. Mrs. W. G. Hill, Davis.
173. Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Durham.
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176. Miss Maude Reid, Raleigh.
177. Mrs. F. J. Holloway, Raleigh.
178. Mrs. R. D. Carr, Morehead City.
179. Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, Wilmington.
180. Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Raleigh.
181. Mrs. Jessie Farnshaw.
182. Mrs. W. H. Pace, Raleigh.
183. Mrs. O. K. Holding, Wake Forest.
184. Miss Valley Blanchard, Clayton.
185. Mrs. A. A. Howell, Waynesville.
186. Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mt. Airy.
187. Miss Elsie Hunter, Cary.
188. Mrs. A. S. Sears, Green Level.
189. Mrs. Wiley J. Mitchell, Oak Grove.
190. Mrs. Riley Gulley, Clayton.
191. Mrs. J. L. Harrison, Elkin.
192. Miss Georgia Williford, Spring Branch.
193. Mrs. B. T. Price, Charlotte.
194. Mrs. C. D. Ray, Oxford.
195. Mrs. T. M. Gorman, Durham.
196. Mrs. Sallie Gatling, Mt. Tabor.
197. Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, Monroe.
198. Miss Corinne Bowling Red Mt. Church.
199. Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, Gastonia.
200. Mrs. C. H. Durham, Lumberton.
201. Miss Eula L. Bagwell, Garner.
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203. Miss Maud Burke, Statesville.

204. Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington.
205. Miss Ruby Reid, Wake Forest.
206. Miss Katie Beaman, Clinton.
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217. Mrs. M. J. Hudgins, Marshall.
218. Mrs. W. D. Homer, Oxford.
219. Mrs. Hubert Morris. Raleigh.
220. Mrs. E. C. Holloman, Raleigh.
221. Miss Minnie Gwaltney, Hickory.
222. Mrs. E. K. Howard, Oxford.
223. Mrs. Helen Perry, Roanoke Rapids.
224. Mrs. W. C. Richardson, Raleigh.
225. Mrs. A. J. Eller, Raleigh.
226. Mrs. W. D. Homer, Raleigh.
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229. Mrs. R. T. Vann, Raleigh.
230. Miss T. E. Young, Raleigh.
231. Mrs. H. L. Chapen, Pittsboro.
234. Mrs. J. E. Debnam, Snow Hill.
235. Mrs. John F. Lanneau, Wake Forest.
237. Miss Laura Edgerton, Sunbeams, First Ch., Raleigh.

Associations.	Vice President for Association.	No. of Societies.	Membership.	Contributions.
Alexander				
Alleghany-Grayson				
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Atlantic	Mrs. C. B. Paul, Davis	20	560	$ 284.85
Beulah	Mrs. Mattie Jennings, Blanche	10	83	66.01
Bladen		2	45	36.30
Brier Creek				
Brushy Mountain	Mrs. James McNeill, Wilkesboro	3	48	34.00
Buncombe	Miss E. A. Draughon, Asheville	13	215	952.27
Brunswick	Mrs. David Ward, Suburb	12	173	76.31
Caldwell		1	15	11.70
Cape Fear-Columbus		8	132	113.89
Carolina		4	63	13.75
Catawba River		1	8	5.00
Cedar Creek	Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	8	153	111.85
Central	Mrs. R. J. Conyers, Youngsville	24	550	954.35
Chowan		10	103	534.89
Eastern	Mrs. Florence Stewart Clinton	16	300	185.54
Elkin		1	15	
Flat River	Mrs. C. D Ray, Oxford	19	280	474.23
French Broad	Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, Marshall	17	308	174.52
Green River	Mrs. J. A. Grayson, Rutherfordton	34	531	236.50
Haywood	Mrs. B. F. Hill, Clyde	4	51	187.85
Johnston	Mrs. Ashley Horne, Clayton	10	233	305.06
King's Mountain	Mrs. T. J. Ramsaur, Cleveland Mills	12	167	114.44
Liberty	Mrs. G. P. Harrill, Thomasville	8	164	198.68
Liberty-Ducktown				
Little River		4	70	24.00
Macon				
Mecklenburg-Cabarrus	Mrs. L. D. Price, Charlotte, R. F. D	8	168	1,058.63
Mitchell	Mrs. Lucretia Young, Ledger	19	363	179.70
Mongomery		4	43	24.15
Mount Zion	Mrs. Charles Haywood. Durham	34	730	1,916.27
Neuse	Mrs. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro	31	550	770.81

Associations.	Vice President for Association.	No. of Societies.	Membership.	Contributions.
New Found		4	35	$ 2.20
Pee Dee	Mrs T. B. Henry, Wadesboro	18	208	427.85
Piedmont	Mrs. J. C. Murchison, Greensboro	8	232	610.90
Pilot Mountain	Mrs. A. L. Betts, Winston-Salem	24	402	606.04
Raleigh	Mrs. E. L. Middleton, Cary	18	522	537.76
Robeson	Mrs. H. B. Pope, Lumberton	31	589	857.09
Sandy Creek	Mrs. G. P. Dowell, Carthage	18	212	355.17
Sandy Run	Mrs. T. G. Hamrick, Caroline	9	75	73.13
South Fork	Mrs. Beeler Moore, Gastonia	11	119	496.00
South River	Mrs. S. A. Howard, Salemburg	13	251	344.74
South Yadkin	Mrs. Della Burk, Statesville	26	289	408.67
Stanley	Mrs. T. A. Burris, Albemarle	3	53	72.50
Stone Mountain				
Stony Fork				
Surry		1	15	10.00
Tar River	Miss Margaret Shields Scotland N'k	45	747	1,607.81
Tennessee River				
Three Forks				
Transylvania		1	30	
Tuckaseigee		2	50	
Union	Mrs. W. F. Watson, Monroe	5	44	237.79
West Chowan	Mrs. Kate Griffin Woodland	44	981	1,066.83
Western N. Carolina		2	40	
Wilmington		12	150	318.55
Yadkin				
Yancey	Mrs. O. L. Stringfield	2	21	3.80
No Association given				21.40
Total		625	11,076	17,158.49

Compare number of societies and their membership, as given above, with that of churches and their membership, as given in table of "Summary of Associational Statistics," and the area of our Woman's work may be approximated.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones.

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Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

1917

Twenty Seventh Annual Session
Greensboro March 20-23rd.

"For ye serve the Lord Christ"

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

FINANCIAL AIMS FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918.

Foreign Missions	$20,000.00
Home Missions	14,000.00
State Missions	12,000.00
Louisville Training School	5,000.00
Sunday School Board	100.00
Margaret Educational Fund	100.00
Expense Fund	800.00
Church Building and Loan Fund	11,000.00
Total	$63,000.00

OFFICERS 1917-1918

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Mrs. J. H. Weathers.

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King's Mountain—Mrs. Wm. Archer, Shelby.
Liberty—Mrs. P. S. Vann, Lexington.
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Montgomery—Mrs. W. L. Wright, Troy.
Pee Dee—Mrs. L. L. Henry, Wadesboro.
Pilot Mountain—Mrs. J. J. Roddick, Winston-Salem.
Sandy Run—Mrs. A. H. McDaniel, Forest City.

South Fork—Mrs. H. B. Moore, Gastonia.
South Yadkin—Mrs. C. S. Cashwell, Salisbury.
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PLACES OF MEETING AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA SINCE ITS SEPARATION FROM STATE CONVENTION.

Durham—four months—Dec. 1905-April, 1906	$ 7,443.96
Goldsboro, 1907	20,804.89
Gastonia, 1908	21,546.16
High Point, 1909	27,002.29
Oxford, 1910	30,002.16
Wilmington, 1911	32,003.39
Monroe, 1912	34,422.00
Raleigh, 1913	39,668.96
Hendersonville, 1914	40,255.13
New Bern, 1915	42,548.86
Winston-Salem, 1916	46,759.95
Greensboro, 1917	50,849.79
Total	$393,307.44
Total contributions since organization, Jan., 1886	519,726.10
Contributed to Jubilee Funds and Foreign Mission Debt	17,174.95
Grand Total	$536,901.05

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Baptist churches of North Carolina, desirous of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and children of the churches, and of aiding in the collection of funds for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the State Mission Board and the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, adopt he following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object shall be threefold: (1) To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of the Baptist women and girls of the State, to train the children in Christian work, and enlist all in active, personal endeavor for the salvaiton of those in their own communities. (2) To receive and distribute missionary information, to stimulate effort to encourage the organization of Missionary Societies and Bands amng the women, young people and children. (3) To encourage the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents from different parts of the State, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, a Secretary of Young Woman's Work, a Junior Superintendent, and an Editor, who, together with sixteen ladies residing in or near Raleigh, shall form the executive committee.

ELECTION.

Sec. 2. These officers and the sixteen ladies who together with them compose the Executive Committee, shall be annually elected on the last day of the Annual Session after nominations by a Nominating Committee, composed of five members, one from each division, who shall be elected by a larger committee of twenty-five, five from each division; this committee being elected from the floor.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Union shall decide.

ARTICLE V.

REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Those entitled to membership in the Annual Meeting shall be the officers of the Union, Executive Committee, the Associational Superintendents, five representatives from the Entertaining Society, together with one representative from every Woman's Missionary Society, every Young Woman's Auxiliary, and an adult representative for every Junior Society, with one additional representative for every hundred dollars contributed to Home, State, and Foreign Missions above the first hundred: Provided, that no Society shall have more than three delegates and no church shall have more than five delegates. Only such delegates as are personally present and duly accredited by the Union shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI.

CONDUCT OF MEETING.

Every session of the Union shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

ARTICLE VII.

PROGRAM.

The program shall be arranged by the Executive Committee in conference with the committee of the Society with which the Annual Meeting is held.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any Annual Meeting, one month's previous notice of proposed change having been given through the Executive Committee.

1. **President.**—The President shall preside at the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union and all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and shall be ex officio member of all standing committees. She shall also be the State Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Union and shall endeavor to keep the State work in line with the plans of the General Union. She may, through the Record-

ing Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee when in her judgment needed, or at the request of five members of said committee.

2. **Corresponding Secretary.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, present reports of the condition of the work at the Annual Meeting, keep a record book as a source of information, organize societies, send out blanks for quarterly reports, and conduct other business usual to the office.

3. **Treasurer.**—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of all money contributed to missions by Societies and individual mission workers, when reported to her through receipts signed by the Church Treasurer, or sent direct to her. She shall make out a quarterly report at the close of each quarter to be forwarded to each Society, and an annual report to be submitted to the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies. She shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements of all money sent her for Expense Fund of Executive Committee, and render quarterly and annual reports of same.

4. **Recording Secretary.**—The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of record of the annual and special meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union. She shall also notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment, and shall perform other duties usual to her office.

5. **Junior Superintendent.**—The Junior Superintendent shall, with the co-operation of pastors, Superintendents and officers of Societies, seek to organize the children for efficient, systematic mission work. She shall, through correspondence and the columns of our denominational papers, seek to enlist the children in mission work. She shall report at the Annual Meeting.

6. **Secretary of Young Woman's Work.**—The Secretary of Young Woman's Work shall have the oversight of this work, and by correspondence and visits shall seek to enlist the young women of our churches and colleges in mission work.

7. **Editor.**—It shall be the duty of the Editor to conduct the Woman's Missionary Union department of the State denominational paper.

8. **Associational Superintendents.**—The Associational Superintendents shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Associational Union. They shall correspond with the President of the Executive Committee and the officers of all Woman's Missionary Societies and Junior Societies in all the churches of their Associations. They shall assist the Societies in forming an Associational Union, which shall meet annually. They shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee, and shall as frequently as possible, attend the monthly meetings of that committee. An Annual Meeting of the Superintendents and Executive Committee shall be held during the Annual Meeting.

9. **Executive Committee.**—The Executive Committee shall carry out the instructions of the Union, and transact all busi-

ness between its sessions. It shall meet monthly, and oftener when necessary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. When a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill the unexpired term. The committee shall report at the Annual Meeting and send an annual report to the State Convention through the State Board of Missions.

10. **Representatives to the Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.**—These representatives shall be appointed by the Missionary Union of North Carolina at its annual session.

11. **Expenses.**—The expenses of the Executive Committee for printing, postage, and stationery, stenographic service and similar expenditures, together with the traveling expenses of officers to Associational meetings, shall be met by a yearly contribution of ten cents per member from each local Society—said contribution to be made in May.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

OF NORTH CAROLINA

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Greensboro, N. C., March 20, 1917.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, assembled in the First Baptist Church of this city at 8 o'clock tonight. Rev. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the church, presided, the occasion being the annual sermon before the Woman's Missionary Union.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer, Rev. J. Clyde Turner.

Special music by the choir.

Scripture reading, Psalm 102.

Solo.

Mr. Turner presented Dr. C. D. Graves, pastor of the Wake Forest Church, who preached the sermon from the text, "All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go, ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20.

Hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war," was sung and the congregation was dismissed after prayer by the pastor of the First Reformed Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 21.

The Union assembled at 10 a. m.

Hymn, "My Faith looks up to Thee," was sung.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, President, called the session to order and asked that the keynote of this meeting be Praise and Joy in Service.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Whitt R.

Stone, Superintendent of the Piedmont Association, who read 1 Peter 1:13-17.

Prayer—Miss Mabel Clark.

On motion of the Recording Secretary it was ordered that the calling of the roll be dispensed with; that those whose registration cards have been deposited with the Secretary up to this time be recognized as constituting the organization, but that the Secretary be empowered to add to this list from the cards that may be subsequently deposited.

Miss Bertha Carroll moved that the program prepared and now in the hands of delegates be adopted as the order of business for this session. Carried.

Special music by the choir.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Paul G. Welch for the Woman's Missionary Society; for the women of the city by Mrs. Lucy G. Robertson.

Response by Mrs. Everett Lockett, of Winston-Salem.

Solo by Mrs. Wade Brown.

The Chair recognized Mrs. W. C. James, of Richmond, Va., President of the W. M. Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. James extended greetings from the Union. The following missionaries and visitors were recognized: Miss Laura Cox, Guaymas, Mexico; Miss Rene Joyce, Bahia, Brazil; Mrs. Lucy Robertson, Greensboro; Mrs. C. L. Goodno, Raleigh, President W. C. T. U. of North Carolina.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented by Miss Bertha Carroll. Report adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY 1916-17.

Another year of service in the Master's vineyard has passed—a year which we feel has been a triumphant one. As we review it and note the difficulties which have been overcome and the steady growth which has been maintained, we cannot but feel with humble gratitude that God has accepted our human plans and efforts with their many imperfections, and given them His divine blessing. We have planted; He has given the increase, and our hearts are lifted up with the joy of service.

The Quarters in Brief.

During the first quarter, Miss Barrus continued her work as Corresponding Secretary. The important duties of the quarter were the sending out of literature for the Home Mission Week of Prayer, the Annual State W. M. U. Meeting, the Annual Southern W. M. U. Meeting, the publishing and mailing of our State

Minutes, and the sending out of the letters and the Training School literature for the secnod quarter. In addition to these regular duties, the retiring Secretary, with her characterisitc thoughtfulness for others, spent much time and care getting all things in readiness for the incoming Secretary.

Your present Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer entered the office at the beginning of the second quarter. During June, July, and August ten associational meetings were attended by members of the Executive Committee or their representatives. In June the W. M. U. department of the Seaside Assembly was conducted by Mrs. H. T. Pope and attended by many W. M. U. workers. Literature for our State Mission quarter was published and mailed to each society in August.

Except for the sending out of State Mission literature and the regular quarterly letters and literature for the fourth quarter, which were mailed in November, the entire third quarter was spent in visiting associations. Twenty-eight meetings were attended during September, October and November.

The fourth quarter was spent in filling orders for the Foreign Mission literature, in sending out the letters and leaflets for our Home Mission quarter, and in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Statistical Office Report.

Calendars of Prayer sent out, 168; personal letters, 1,520; circular letters, 8,551; postals, 2,349; programs, 7,839; envelopes, 51,101; report blanks, 11,935; minutes, 1,416; mite boxes, 2,360; manuals and Year Books, 1,523; leaflets, 49,112; postage, $218.07. Total letters and literature, 147,874.

Miles traveled by officers 6,985

Expenditures.

For stamps and postals	$ 260.00
" Printing and stationery	300.32
" Office supplies	3.85
" Salary of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer	1,200.00
Total paid by State Board	$1,764.17
From W. M. U. Expense Fund	652.80
Total expenditures for the year	$2,416.97

Financial Aims and Attainments.

For each of our regular objects, our contributions exceeded our aim for the year, except for Foreign Missions. For Home Missions our gifts were $283.52 above our aim, for State Missions, $1,091.79; for Louisville Training School, $628.59; for Margaret Educational Fund, $82.53; for Sunday School Board, $100.45; for Expense Fund, $16.42. The Foreign Mission offering fell $352.51 below our aim. Making the deduction for this fact, our

gifts exceeded our aims by $1,838.79. This does not include the total of $8,881.98, which we gave on the Foreign Mission Board Debt, the Judson Centennial Fund, and to the Church Building and Loan Fund. We planned to raise $49,000 this year; we have raised $59,731.77!

Do not these facts reproach us that our faith has been so small? And shall we not for the coming year set for ourselves, as God sets for us, a higher goal?

The Year's Growth.

Normal growth is indicative of healthy life. We are, therefore, glad to report that there has been no prodigious or sensational increase in any line of our W. M. U. work this year. The following figures will indicate how steady and normal the growth has been.

1. Growth in the number of societies. Last year 1,212 societies reported to the W. M. U. Executive Commttiee. Five hundred and fifty-seven of them reported every quarter. This year 1,421 societies have sent in reports and 613 of them have not failed to report each quarter. Three hundred and twenty-two societies have been organized during the year. Approximately twenty-five of these have not yet had the opportunity to report. This gives us a net increase of 234 organizations, which bring us for 1917-'18 added strength and inspiration.

A comparatively small number of societies have died this year—in all about eighty-eight. We are, it seems, learning to organize only where there is strong probability that the organization will live, for it is much more difficult to resuscitate the dead society than to enlist the unenlisted one.

2. Growth in the number of workers. This has been accomplished in two ways, particularly by increasing the number of organizations, and by the division of the larger societies into circles.

3. Growth in contributions. This year's gifts to all objects show a gain of $6,772.36 over those of last year.

4. Growth in Personal Service. Approximately 300 societies have definitely organized for Personal Service, and are thus txpressing to the needy at their own doors the true spirit of Christian missions.

5. Are not the above facts the evidence of still another and more fundamental growth? May we not say that the past year has been marked by deeper consecration, by more of the spirit of self-sacrifice for the Master, by a greater love for the world which needs so much knowledge of Him who is its light?

With the Associations.

We now have forty-eight associational unions, each with a superintendent and other officers. Two, the Liberty-Ducktown and Western, were organized last year. Forty-one of the associations held annual meetings during 1916-'17. Of this number thirty-

eight were attended by members of the Executive Committee or their represntatives. as follows: By our President, 8; by Y. W. A. Secretary, 6; by the Junior Superintendent, 9; by Corresponding Secretary, 12; Mrs. W. H. Woodall visited 4; Mrs. J. J. Roddick, 2; Mrs. L. L. Henry, 1.

Practically all of the metings were held separate from the general association, and almost without exception they were well attended and enthusiastically conducted.

We now have in circulation fourteen Traveling Libraries, and the Superintendents report 166 mission study classes held during the year, 2,276 copies of Home and Foreign Fields taken, 2,247 copies of Royal Service, and many of the Biblical Recorder.

The Eastern and Mt. Zion Associations made nine points on the Standard of Excellence; the Chowan, Flat River, Johnston County, Neuse-Atlantic, Roanoke, Robeson, South Fork, South Yadkin, and Tar River made eight, and a number made seven points.

Thirty-three associations made a ten-per cent. increase in contributions, and practically every one of the associations made an increase over the gifts of 1915-16. The Central led with a contribution of $3,953.75, the West Chowan came next with $3,941.75. The Flat River and the Tar River Associations reported the largest number of new societies, the numbers being twenty-two and sixteen, respectively. Johnston County reported fourteen and the Carolina, Central, Raleigh and Sandy Run each reported nine.

As we recall the gratifying facts of the year's work, we would not forget that we owe them largely to the faithful and effective labors of our forty-eight Associational Superintendents. Quarter by quarter they have written letters to their societies, sent report blanks to them and reported to the Executive Committee. They have planned and conducted associational meetings, and compiled statistics which we could not have obtained without their aid. A summary of their annual reports shows that they have written 7,061 letters and postals during the year and traveled 7,392 miles in the interest of missions.

A Backward Look.

With only a very few exceptions, our Union has, since its organization, gone steadily forward. Instead of the little band of women who began the work thirty years ago, there is now a great host of workers 25,600 strong—loving and mighty in God's service. Instead of the $1,000 contributed that first year, we now give $59,000. Year after year higher aims have been set and reached. Surely, the hand of the Lord is upon His people to bless them, and to prosper the works of their hands because they delight to do his bidding.

A Forward Look.

Grateful for the success of the past, but not content with its achievements, let us face the future.

According to the Annual Reports of the Associational Superintendents there are 837 churches in associations where a W. M. U. has been organized which have no missionary societies. The same reports show that there are 101,000 Baptist women unenlisted in the work of missions as carried on by the Union. Thousands of young people are every day taking up the duties of men or women untrained in mission thought or activity.

Our own people are waiting to be taught, missionaries are waiting to be sent, the world is waiting to receive the light. These facts are challenging us as we face the new year. Shall we not accept the challenge?

An Upward Look.

Realizing that with Christ who strengthens us we can do all things, and that without Him we can do nothing, let us look up in faith and supplication as we begin the work of another year. Constant in prayer and ministry, and remembering ever that we "serve the Lord Christ," let us joyfully "work the works of Him that sent us while it is day."

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA CARROLL,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer for the year closing February 28, 1917, was presented by Miss Bertha Carroll and, on motion of Mrs. H. C. Moore, adopted.

Mrs. C. E. Mason, Y. W. A. Secretary, presented the following report:

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I. Cor. 15:57.

Have you thought how often Jesus in His, I thank thee, O Father! was giving thanks, not for what had already come to pass, but for those things He could trust His Father to give in the future?

If there were more praise and thanksgiving in our lives, God would honor us with greater blessings.

We are thankful for the great blessings of the past year and by faith we give thanks for future victory. The increase in all lines of the young womens and girls' work has been very gratifying to those of us who watch the records.

The number of Auxiliaries this year is 249, sixty-two over that of last year, from thirty-seven Associations.

The Mt. Zion Association led in number of Auxiliaries, having sixteen. The Mt. Zion Association also leads in the amount contributed to all objects, their gifts being $962.69.

Sixty-four Societies reported every quarter, against fifty last year. We trust that our aim of 100 Societies reporting every quarter will be realized during the coming year.

Our Ann Hasseltine Circles at Chowan and Meredith Colleges are doing splendid work. We must think how far-reaching this work is to rightly appreciate its value. We have organizations also at Fruitland Institute and at Mars Hill.

Our total gifts amount to $6,087.15, against $5,744.40 last year, a gain of $342.75. About a 10 per cent increase was made every quarter, except the first, when we had a falling off of about $200 for Home Missions. We believe the girls will make amends for this mistake in the present quarter. We have no desire to exploit our girls, but we know too well that the good seed cannot be sown, even in virgin soil, without some measure of material results, and we must judge the extent of the sowing by the harvest. May our faith claim even far greater progress in spiritual growth, and may the Master, as of old, multiply their gifts so they may feed multitudes with the Bread of Life.

The Secretary has visited six Annual Association meetings and six Societies for special meetings and one associational rally for Young Women' and Girls' Auxiliaries.

Two hundred and forty-four letters and twenty-nine postals hav been written and eleven packages of literature sent out. All regular literature is sent from the Raleigh office.

Your Secretary gives up her office at this time with genuine regret because she has not been able to give to it the time it so much demands. It is a work of increasing joy and reflex blessing. The women who by their sympathetic and helpful interest make the way smoother for some Auxiliary will in no wise lose their reward.

To each and every co-laborer we would express our sincere appreciation and hearty thanks for every help and kindness. God grant that as His women doing His work we may more and more realize that it is what He does for us and through us, and not our own efforts, that makes the work prosper.

We could not have a better daily prayer than the words of our Union hymn:

"Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone."

Following are the statistics for the year: Young Women's Auxiliaries, 158; Girls' Auxiliaries, 52; new Y. W. A.'s, 25; new G. A.'s, 14; total Auxiliaries, 249; amount for year, $6,086.15.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. E. MASON,
Y. W. A. Secretary.

At the conclusion of her report the Union extended to Mrs. Mason a vote of thanks and appreciation for her faithful service.

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Superintendent of Junior Work, presented the following report, which was adopted:

As I come before you again to present an annual report of the work done by the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors, I am more conscious of those for whom I speak than of those to whom I speak. We have noticed in each report presented today a note of joy and thanksgiving. Almost there seems a great anthem of praise from our Woman's Societies and from our Young Woman's Auxiliaries. The music rises in rich harmony, telling of aims reached, of hopes fulfilled and of joyous purposes to be more faithful and zealous for Him whose cause is being forwarded.

Now the louder notes of the anthem are stilled. In the pause we hear the high clear voices of children, thousands and thousands of children—

Do you hear the children singing
In the light, in the light?
Far and near their off'rings bringing
Shining bright, shining bright!
To the Christ Child's feet they bear
Loving gifts and off'rings rare,
That the little ones in darkness, far away,
May see the light.

No sweeter music than that of children's voices has ever sounded in mortal ear. And when these young voices find their harmony in the love of the Savior, and their melody in telling His love to the children who know Him not, the very angels of heaven have no sweeter song.

The joy note sounds clear and distinct in the financial report from the Sunbeams—$4,727.23, an increase of $297.22 over 1916. The Royal Ambassadors join in a regular pean of praise with $559.82 for this year, $178.12 above last year, and $109.82 beyond their aim. Much of this is due to the splendid gifts from the boys of the Asheville First Church. They lead the Royal Ambassadors this year with $132.06. The other five leading chapters are Lumberton First Church, $36.28; Sawyer's Creek, $30.44; Ashboro Street, Greensboro, $27.55; Greensboro First Church, $25.34; Buckhorn (W. Chowan), $23.70 .

Again we find the Sunbeams of the Lumberton First Church leading the State with a gift of $135.12. They have been ahead so long that they will begin to think the place belongs to them. We are delighted at their continued leadership, but we wish more Bands would draw close around this high mark. Asheville First Church came nearest with $129.68; then Asheboro Street, Greensboro, $103.35; Hickory, $99.71; Rocky Mount, $87.50; Brown Memorial, Winston-Salem, $72.53. Other Bands also have done fine work this year, and we wish that each might be commended by name for faithfulness and progress.

Through the kindness of Dr. Livingston Johnson, we were allowed to offer little books of Psalms and the Gospels to the Dollar Sunbeams. These were supplied from the Pullen Testament Fund. How much they were appreciated will be shown from the

fact that the list of Dollar Sunbeams and R. A.'s has counted up to 483 this year. Some children's names appear on the dollar list for each special offering, showing them far more regular and liberal in their giving than many who handle larger sums of money.

Last year there were 411 Bands and forty-six chapters that reported. This year we have 451 Bands and fifty-three Chapters, a net increase of forty and seven, respectively. The new organizations of the year are ninety-eight Bands and twenty-three Chapters, showing a loss of seventy-four. Though we always regret exceedingly to lose one mission organization, the loss this year is less than we have had to record in the past.

The weak place in our Junior work, as I see it, is in the low average contribution per society. We do not expect impossible amounts from little children. Yet we find small churches with active, liberal Sunbeam Bands, while again and again stronger churches are lax and neglectful in their mission training for the children. The average gift per Band this year is $10.87. There are 306 Bands below this average, and 145 above it. The task before your Superintendent is how to rouse the 306 to larger efforts, and she invites suggestions.

The average gift of the Royal Ambassadors has made a wonderful advance this year. From $8.50 it has gone to $10.86. We would like to give three cheers for the boys.

For your Junior Superintendent this has been an exceedingly busy year, yet there is little to tabulate. The Annual Leaflet was prepared and mailed the first quarter. The State Mission Program was arranged by Mrs. S. N. Watson, of Winton, and sent out in August. Quarterly letters were written each quarter, but they are recorded in the office report of the Secretary. About 400 personal letters have been written and more than 6,000 pieces of literature mailed.

During the summer and fall it was my pleasure to visit nine Associations; the Cumberland, Central, Flat River, Raleigh, Tar River, Union, Pee Dee, Roanoke, and Johnston.

Stop-over visits were made at five towns where from one to three Societies were visited. In the interest of the work 1,838 miles have been traveled this year.

The joy of this work you entrusted to me is very great; the hour of rendering an account of my stewardship is very solemn. My prayer for the new year is that unto each of us shall be accorded a greater measure of that divine power that, working in us, shall accomplish through us, exceeding abundantly above all we dare ask or think.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH BRIGGS.

Hymn, "He Leadeth Me," was sung.

Announcement was made that next year a banner with the words—W. M. Union, First Honor—would be presented by the Executive Committee to the Association making the

most progress in organization and contributions during the year.

The Vice-Presidents of the five Divisions presented their annual reports.

Greensboro Division—Mrs. H. C. Moore, Raleigh. Mrs. Moore reported steady growth in each of the eight associations in her division during the year, fifty-five new societies organized, eight associational meetings held, and six Traveling Libraries in circulation.

Elizabeth City Division—Mrs. John Freeman. Since Mrs. Freeman had moved to Virginia and was unable to attend the meeting, no report of her division was presented.

Wilmington Division—Mrs. H. T. Pope, Lumberton. In Mrs. Pope's absence, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, of Lumberton, read her report. The W. M. U. work has made steady progress in this division during the past year, the special feature of the year's work being the Seaside Assembly, held June 25 to July 2, at Wrightsville Beach.

Charlotte Division—Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Wadesboro. Sixteen of the eighteen associations of this division have Superintendents, held annual associational meetings during 1916-'17, and made an increase in contributions over the previous year.

Asheville Division—Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Asheville. In Mrs. Woodall's absence, no report of her division was presented.

Greetings were read from Miss Blanche Barrus, former Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Mrs. C. L. Haywood, a reply was sent to Miss Barrus from the Union.

Miss E. N. Briggs moved that a message of appreciation be sent to Mrs. J. S. Farmer, Recording Secretary, who was prevented by sickness from attending this session of the Union. This motion was adopted and the message was sent by the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Carroll.

Mrs. Henry Bunch, of Raleigh, was appointed by the Executive Committee to serve as Assistant Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. C. James congratulated the Union on the reports of the year's work.

The Union then heard the Annual Address of the President, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones.

A WORLD-WIDE MISSIONARY CRISIS.

In our meeting last year we emphasized the things that were essential if we would go forward in this work of world evangelization: the consecration, or giving one's self unreservedly to the service of God; the larger service that invariably follows this gift

of self; the greater faith that enables us to lay hold on the things of God; the unity of purpose that harmonizes all of our thought and plans; and the power that comes to the humblest servant of God through prayer.

The year that has passed has been a year of progress, of steady growth along all lines, and these things that I have mentioned have been exemplified in the lives of our workers. Looking forward to another year, a year we trust of greater achievement, we would speak today of some of the things in the world about us that call us, and call imperatively for a larger vision of our place in the Divine plan for the world's redemption, and for more sacrificial service.

There is no question but that we are living in a most remarkable period of the world's history, when the changes that confront us are so momentous, and the future so uncertain, that there comes a new realization that the only sure foundation is faith in Christ, and in His Word that out of all of these things that so disturb our peace of mind, He is working out His eternal purpose for the good of all mankind.

Today there is no place for the idler in the vineyard. The time and the cause call for our best, and in spite of the powers of evil manifested in so many ways, we can go to our task with the absolute assurance of success because it is in keeping with the purpose of our Lord and Savior, the purpose for which He came into the world and suffered and died.

In a recent mission magazine we find these words: "In the vision of the world today as it is, there is despair and death. In a vision of God and His Gospel, there is life and hope. A vision of the nations as they are today shows the unspeakable need of all mankind for the transforming remedy of the Gospel, but it also shows that men are hungry for the bread of life and many are Christlike."

Let us look briefly at some of the conditions that confront us on our mission fields and that we must meet if we measure up to our responsibility in this world-wide task.

China.

First, our largest and oldest Southern Baptist mission field, China. You have heard the often quoted statement of the traveler in China who, writing of this country as the yellow peril that menaced the peace of the world, said: "China is a sleeping giant; God pity the nations of the world when she awakes." China is awake, and is demanding the modern civilization that shall enable her to compete with the western world. Her universities are crowded with eager students and the missionary can get an audience in almost any assembly because he represents that coveted western learning. With the intellectual development comes the freedom from the bondage and superstition of the religion that has enslaved them so many centuries. The missionaries are no longer confined in their work to the poorer classes. Many of

the wealthy and influential people are turning away from their idols and are inquiring as to the true God. Temples have been destroyed in many places and there is a breaking away from the things of the past. In the recent internal troubles, in the various provinces of the country, the Chinese sent their wives and children and valuables to the mission compounds for safety—a great contrast to the situation only seventeen years ago, when the missionaries had to fly to the yamens for protection during the Boxer riots and sad to say did not always receive it.

In this country we have one missionary to every 100,000 people, in some provinces one to ever 200,000—an utterly inadequate force. The best schools in China are those in charge of the missionaries and through them we have the opportunity of moulding the churches and thought of the China of tomorrow. But to do this we must greatly increase their number and equipment, so that in answering the demand for mental enlightenment we can give them the spiritual knowledge that alone can save their people. So great is the population of this vast country that there are today, after more than a hundred years of mission work, thousands of villages where the people not only have no knowledge of God but have never seen a foreigner.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese minister to our own country, says: "The present widespread educational movement in China is traceable in its origin to a very large extent to the humble efforts begun half a century ago by pioneer missionaries of the Christian church in China, and that the efficiency of missionary institutions in training men of discipline and character is a fact generally admitted. That the missionary hospitals and dispensaries are not only places of comfort to the sick and suffering, but also serve as centers from which the light of modern science radiates to the length and breadth of China, and that many of the epoch-making reforms, such as the suppression of the opium traffic and the abolishment of foot-binding, have been brought about with no little support from the workers in the Christian church in China." So much for the testimony of a great heathen statesman. We must give to China in the next few years adequate equipment for our mission schools, a larger force of missionaries, more and better hospitals. If we fail to do these things, the doors that are open and opened wide today will be closed again and closed perhaps forever.

Japan.

For three years the Christian churches in Japan have been holding evangelistic meetings throughout the empire, and this movement has resulted in a widespread revival of interest in the Christian religion. In the more than 25,000 villages that we find in this country, there has been in the last few years marked intellectual development, but the moral life of the nation is still at a low ebb.

Recent scandals in government circles have caused a wide distrust of the principles and standards that have been taught by the

native religions and there is a widespread conviction that something more is needed if Japan is to realize the place among the nations her ambition covets. Count Okuma, the Prime Minister, says that though Christianity numbers less than two hundred thousand converts in this land, yet its indirect influence has poured into every phase of Japanese life. With the learning of the west the students of Japan are studying also the religions of the west that has made the western nations what they are today. and large crowds throng the preaching places throughout the empire. The Japanese have almost a reverence for the printed page, and there is a wonderful opportunity presented in this way for reaching the people through Christian literature.

It is interesting to note that the Buddhist church, recognizing the efficiency of the methods of the Christian church, has set apart the sum of $500,000 to be used in organizing and maintaining Sunday schools wherein the principles of their faith will be taught. Another fact of interest is the recent gift of Baron Monmura, a Christian, of $100,000 for the endowment of a chair of Christianity at the Imperial University in Tokio. The Japanese are realizing that the native religion and the materialistic spirit that has swept over their people in recent years cannot develop the type of citizenship that their nation demands, and that as a people they have neglected the spiritual side of life and that this alone is effective in building character and nations. It is the day, we might almost say the hour, of opportunity in Japan. Shall we not grasp it ere it passes?

India.

There have been no greater changes in any mission field than those that have taken place in India, the land that will always be associated with the name of Judson in the minds of American Baptists. Recently a missionary writing from this country says: "Twenty-five years ago I was stoned for bringing a low-caste Hindoo through the Brahmin street; today I sat down at a banquet with college students of all castes and all were served by servants of the low caste." A society has been organized for the purpose of doing away with all caste distinctions. The most remarkable movement of all has been the mass movements in which large numbers of the lower castes are seeking relief from intolerable conditons by embracing the Christian faith. One can readily see that these will need most careful instruction before they can be intelligent Christians. There seems to be no question as to the fact that the native church is growing in power as well as in members. It is a crucial period with the cause in India, and a large force of missionary teachers is needed at once. The mission forces here have been greatly reduced by the war, as extensive work was done here by England and Germany. The native church is endeavoring to carry forward the work of evangelization and the women are organizing for prayer and for Bible study. An Anglican bishop who has spent many years in India

says: "Give us an awakened church and the future of India is assured." Give us an awakened church in America and the future of missions is assured.

The Moslem World.

However differing opinions may be as to the changes that the war will bring about, there is practical unanimity that the Moslem world, with its 200,000,000 souls, will be open to the gospel as never before. The solidarity of Islam has been broken and Mohammedans are fighting in the armies of all the nations and for the first time in history the Mohammedan is regarding his national allegiance as a greater thing than his allegiance to his religious faith. The capture of the sacred shrines of Islam by the Grand Sheriff of Mecca and his proclamation of independence from Turkish rule was a great blow to the Mohammedan faith, and today Moslems recognize no central power, no one with authority to call them to a holy war, and they have lost their long-cherished hope of the ultimate Moslem conquest of the world. It has been comparatively but a few years since the penalty for embracing Christianity was death, and now Moslem boys and girls are openly attending Christian schools and the day is not far distant when the veil and the zenana will be a thing of the past.

With the downfall of the political power of the Moslem, the people are beginning to think for themselves. Instead of the religious fanaticism that has been so hard to cope with in the past, we find dissatisfaction and an inquiring mind for something better; and there are many evidences that the Spirit of God is working among these people. Shall we not, following His leading, make greater effort for this host of unsaved people?

Africa.

No mission field has felt the effects of the war more than the Dark Continent. One missionary writing of her field on the west coast the first year of the war said: "Under the thatched roofs of our churches gather here and there in the forest Sabbath congregations of from six to eight thousand. Self-support is a major intention and in the year before the war the thirty thousand adherents of this mission gave out of their primitive circumstances nearly fifteen thousand dollars to Christian work. We had a large industrial plant, there were more than ten thousand pupils in the schools, there was a beneficent medical work at four stations, the clamor of the drums in unnumbered villages called the young to school of a weekday and broke the dark before dawn of a Sunday with the call to assemble."

So much for the days before the war in a neighborhood which has been since the war began, a battlefield. There is the same unrest in the religious condition of Africa that we find in her physical condition. The struggle between Islam and Christianity goes on with unabated zeal, and one-third of the inhabitants are counted as Mohammedans. Notwithstanding the work done by the missionaries in the northern part of the continent and along the

stretches of the coast, millions of Africans are yet untouched by Christian missionaries. One of the great evils to be contended with in our work in this country is the condition that has been brought about by the rum traffic, in which the ostensible Christian nations have brought to an ignorant and primitive people all of the untold horrors of the drink evil for the purpose of gain. Surely there is a fearful day of reckoning coming and there is a responsibility to each of us to help wipe out this blot on our honor.

South America.

South America has been much in the thoughts of mission workers since the Pan-American Congress, February, a year ago, called their attention to the utterly inadequate preparations that have been made to evanelize this people. One mission study textbook writer calls this country the Land of Opportunity, another the Land of Tomorrow; all agree as to the remarkable social, commercial and educational development that the present century is bringing this vast southern continent. No part of the world is more richly endowed with natural resources. The people are largely under the rule of the Roman Catholic Church, and religious intolerance has had full sway. Because of this and because some have felt that it was unwise to spend so much of time and money in mission work where the people acknowledge the true God when there were so many people yet in the bonds of hathenism, we have failed to send a sufficient mission force or to do the constructive work that was needed. Today the country is filled with rationalism and materialism, largely among the higher classes.

In the interior and inaccessible regions there is a population of four to eight millions of Indians who are living in almost wild state. Another large population living on the borders of civilization has a religion which is a mixture of perverted Catholicism and paganism, which, with the Indians, give us a population of 13,000,000 who know nothing of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have one missionary in South America to every 156,000 people, and there are but little over six hundred Protestant churches in the whole continent.

Mexico.

I will not take your time to speak of Mexico, the country that has been so often in our thoughts and on our lips these past few months, as you will hear of that field from one who can tell you of conditions there as she knows them. Mexico is still torn asunder by revolution and riot, but it may be said for the present administration that the past two years have seen as many schools opened as there were pupils after two centuries of Spanish rule. Could the money that was spent these past few months in sending troops to the border and maintaining them there have been spent in giving schools, teachers and missionaries to this people, who

will question but that the Mexican problem would be much nearer solution?

The World Conflict.

Today we are confronted with a situation unparalleled in the world's history. Twenty million of men in a Christian land are fighting one another with the most deadly weapons that modern ingenuity ever devised. It is variously estimated that from ten to twenty million more are dead, wounded, or have been taken prisoners. Living conditions in the countries laid waste by the war are too horrible to recount. The statement is made that 14,000,000 Poles alone have been wiped out of existence, 150,000 Albanians have died of starvation, half a million Armenians have been destroyed, a million deported, impoverished or have had to flee for their lives. Two million Belgians are dependent on charity for food and clothing, and we are told that it will take $150,000,000 to meet the absolute needs of this people another year.

The cost of the war is estimated to be $100,000,000 a day or $36,500,000,000 a year, but this is only the estimate in dollars; there is no way of estimating the cost in human life and suffering. All Christian work at home and abroad for one year would not exceed the cost of the war for ten days, and the sum already spent is ten times more than the amount spent in Christian work in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the islands of the sea since Christ gave to His disciples the Great Commission. This statement, and nearly all of the facts I have given as to our mission field, is taken from the Missionary Review of the World.

Two thousand missionaries have been recalled from the foreign field and in many places churches and schools have been closed. German mission work is almost at a standstill. English Baptists have made heroic efforts to maintain their foreign missionary work, and this is true of other denominations; but it is to America that the world is to look to meet in any adequate measure the great opportunity for evangelization that will follow the close of the war. To us as a nation has come a period of unprecedented prosperity. Most of our mission boards last year reported increased gifts to missions. America is now giving nearly 50 per cent of all the money given by Protestant mission societies to foreign missions.

The World's Greatest Need.

There will necessarily continue to be appeals for help to meet the physical needs of the war sufferers. We must not turn a deaf ear to these appeals, but at the same time we must meet the far greater need, the need of the world for the saving power of the gospel of our Lord. This will require from each of us greater sacrifice and larger gifts and a fuller consecration to His service. The question I bring to you—the question I would leave with you—is what is our part in this great opportunity and responsibility that is coming to us? With the prosperity that has come, there has come a spirit of materialism that has affected our peo-

ple. Much of the prosperity that has come to us in the past has come as a direct result of the godliness and simple faith of our forefathers. In our struggle to achieve wealth and a place among the nations there has been a lowering of the standards of the founders of our country. If we would meet this crisis, we must go back to their simple faith and high ideals—the plain living, and high thinking, the absolute trust in God and devotion to His service. We must be in the world, but not of it, and must let the light that has come into our own hearts and lives shine so brightly that all may see and know the divine source. May there come to each of us in these days in which we shall talk and plan for the things of the Kingdom a new sense of the privileges of our high calling in Christ Jesus, a new determination to spend and be spent in His service, and a greater realization of His abiding presence!

"The world sits at the feet of Christ
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled.
It yet shall touch His garment's fold
And feel the heavenly alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold."

The following letter from Dr. Livingston Johnson was read by Mrs. Jones:

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 16, 1917.

To the Convention of the Woman's Missionary Union, Greensboro, N. C.:

My dear Friends—By the kindness of your President I have been made acquainted with the gratifying results of the work done by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the State, and I ask the privilege of extending my heartiest congratulations. "Wars, floods, the high cost of living," and other things which we men plead as an excuse for failure to reach our aims, have caused no wavering in your lines. You have gone steadily on in the face of all these difficulties, and are reporting, by far, the best year's work in your history.

This recalls a prophecy made nine years ago at your meeting in Gastonia. I spoke on "State Mission Vision." The subject was suggested by our dearly beloved, and deeply lamented, Miss Heck. A prophecy was made as to what the Baptists of North Carolina would report in the year 1918. These words were used as a kind of apology for the optimistic vision that was to follow: "A vision is a mental picture. If the picture somewhat exaggerates the reality, that would, I suppose, be regarded as artistic license."

At the conclusion of the address some of the good women said: "Well, you certainly were dreaming wild dreams and seeing marvelous visions today." I have before me the notes of that address from which a few quotations as to the work of the women as

foretold will be given. Let us see if the vision was very wide of the mark. "In the vision, instead of 850 societies which we now have, I see 1,500, and instead of fourteen members to the society, which I am informed is the present average, there will be thirty, running the total membership up from 1,200 to 3,600." How far short of that have you fallen? The report last year showed 1,316 societies. If as many new ones are reported this year as last, you have gone beyond the 1,500 in nine years, and your membership must be nearly, if not quite, 3,600.

The prophecy was ventured that instead of $22,000, the amount raised in 1908, you would reach $75,000 in 1918. You have not quite come up to those figures, but, to be entirely candid, you have come nearer to it than the prophet believed you would. In round numbers, you report this year $60,000, and one year of the decade yet remains. From $22,000 to $60,000 in nine years!

When your convention met in Gastonia, the Sunbeams had just made their first donation to church building, and we had asked you to allow the $5,000 you were then contributing to State Missions to be used as a church building fund, and this you agreed to do. The prediction was made that in 1918 we would increase the gifts to church building to $10,000. We have appropriated that much to this object this year, so you see that prophecy has been fulfilled.

I thought it might be interesting to you to be reminded of this vision, and to see that, in almost every respect, it has come true.

While the Southern Baptist Convention has made but little advancement during the last three or four years, the women of the South have gone steadily forward. The Southern Baptist Convention has degenerated into a debating society, while the women have been quietly and earnestly going on to greater things. We have been discussing methods, while you have been doing the work. We have been tinkering at the machinery, while you have been raising steam. The women of North Carolina have kept pace with their sisters of the other Southern States. You have demonstrated the fact that your methods are well-nigh ideal, and that you are working them admirably.

I trust that this may be the greatest convention in your history. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon you all in your homes, in your societies, and in this, your annual meeting.

Cordially and sincerely yours.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

On motion by Mrs. P. S. Vann this letter was ordered incorporated in the minutes and a letter of appreciation sent Dr. Johnson by the Secretary.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on Personal Service—Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Gastonia; Mrs. J. G. Graham, Caroleen; Mrs. John A. Noell, Roxboro; Mrs. C. L. Jenkins, Raleigh; Mrs. Harry J. Morton, Salisbury; Mrs.

J. O. Fulbright, Carthage; Mrs. R. E. Williams, Wilmington; Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Sanford; Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Winton.

Church Building and Loan Fund—Mrs. J. J. Hurt, Wilmington, Chairman; Mrs. W. L. Carter, Greensboro; Mrs. F. J. Hardison, New Bern; Mrs. J. O. Bobbitt, Fairmont; Mrs. D. T. Herring, Clinton; Mrs. C. V. Blake, Gastonia; Mrs. D. C. Farthing, Lenoir; Mrs. T. L. Maness, Concord; Mrs. H. A. McLaurin, Charlotte.

Apportionment Committee—All Associational Superintendents; Mrs. Walter Daniel, Chairman.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. W. T. Carstarphen, Wake Forest, Chairman; Mrs. C. D. Ray, Oxford; Mrs. P. W. Glidewell, Reidsville; Mrs. R. E. Nooe, Statesville; Mrs. G. N. Cowan, Apex; Mrs. I. M. Mercer, Thomasville; Mrs. J. W. Ware, Forest City; Mrs. W. L Griggs, Cary; Mrs. E. B. Hamrick, Boiling Springs.

Plans of Work—Mrs. J. Y. Killian, Newton; Mrs J. B. Brooks, Rocky Mount; Mrs. John T. Burrus, High Point; Mrs. J. R. McLain, Wilson; Miss Janie Hall, Fayetteville; Mrs. J. A. Kemp, Wakefield; Miss Maie Cox, Richlands; Mrs. J. M. Turley, Clayton; Mrs. B. F. Ivey, Leaksville.

Louisville Training School—Mrs. J. F. Mitchener, Franklinton, Chairman; Mrs. Joel Layton, Dunn; Mrs. W. C. Lyon, West Durham; Mrs. W. H. Jennings, Shelby; Miss Beulah Bowden, Elizabeth City; Miss Naomi Schell, Asheville; Mrs. E. B. Vaughn, Winton; Miss Mary Lou Powers, Wallace; Mrs. E. J. Bunch, Edenton.

Time and Place—Mrs. G. A. Norward, Goldsboro, Chairman; Mrs. W. R. Beach, Kings Mountain; Mrs. J. G. Morisette, Winston-Salem; Mrs. William Boetcher, Elizabeth City; Mrs. B. L. Ashworth, Marion; Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Lumberton; Mrs. R. M. Maddrey, Seaboard; Mrs. F. D. Lethco, Charlotte; Mrs. R. L. Hardison, Wadesboro.

R. A. and Sunbeam Committee—Mrs. Willard Moss, Wilson; Miss Mabel Clarke, Greensboro; Mrs. C. B. Floyd, Charlotte; Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw, Hickory; Mrs. S. F. Garrison, Wilmington; Mrs. J. S. Slate, Winston-Salem; Miss Louise Watson, Southport; Mrs. Titus Currin, Oxford; Mrs. J. W. Wood, Boiling Springs; Mrs. John M. Cheek, Wallburg; Miss Sarah Parham, Oxford; Mrs. J. D. Warren, Monroe; Mrs. J. B. Eller, West Durham; Mrs. Fannie Barrett, Mt. Gilead; Miss Cora Atkinson, Hamlet; Mrs. W. T. Carstarphen, Wake Forest.

Y. W. A. Committee—Mrs. C. C. Smith, Durham; Miss Theresa Redford, Raleigh; Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell, Lumberton; Miss Ada Shearon, Rocky Mount; Miss Ora May Howerton, Durham; Mrs. A. C. Hamby, Clayton; Miss Ora Matthews, Buie's Creek; Miss Celia Herring, Meredith; Miss Ruth Shaw, Oxford.

Announcements.

Doxology.

Adjournment with prayer by Mrs. W. C. James.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened by singing the Woman's Hymn, "Come Women, Wide Proclaim."

Prayer by Mrs. C. S. Cashwell.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Henry Bunch, and approved.

The Nominating Committee was elected, the following delegates being chosen to represent their respective Divisions on this committee:

Mrs. R. H. Bowden, Tarboro, Elizabeth City Division.

Mrs. B. H. Hocutt, Clayton, Wilmington Division.

Mrs. W. C. Riddick, Raleigh, Greensboro Division.

Mrs. J. J. Roddick, Winston-Salem, Charlotte Division.

Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Hendersonville, Asheville Division.

Rev. H. C. Moore, D.D., then addressed the Union on "The Biblical Recorder; Its relation to our W. M. U. work."

SUNBEAM SESSION.

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, presiding.

Prayer, Miss Macy Cox.

Miss Briggs gave Measurements in Growth, showing progress made the past year.

The Honor Roll was then read.

Mrs. George Shuford, of Asheville, spoke on mission offerings through the Sunday-schools.

Mrs. W. H. Reddish, of Wadesboro, forcefully presented the importance of Teaching Missionary Biography.

A Sunbeam Demonstration by the Sunbeam Societies of the Greensboro First, Ashboro Street, and Forest Avenue churches, assisted by Mrs. Chas. Van Noppen and Miss Pannill, followed.

The session adjourned with prayer by Mrs. W. C. James.

From 5-5:30 the meetings of the five Divisions were held and the Vice-Presidents were elected for the following year.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—8:30.

Rev. C. S. Hilliard presiding.

Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung.

Prayer by Rev. Walter N. Johnson.

Quartet.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. H. Nash, D.D., who read for the Scripture lesson 2nd Kings 20:1-5 and Psalm 116, and led in prayer.

Hymn—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."

The Foreign Mission Address was then delivered by Rev. J. F. Love, D.D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., whose subject was, "A Message to Our Women in Three Threes."

After singing "Must eJsus bear the cross alone," the congregation was dismissed by Rev. W. O. Johnson.

THURSDAY MORNING—MARCH 22.

The Union assembled at 10 o'clock. Hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking," was sung. The prayer service was conducted by Mrs. C. H. Durham, of Winston-Salem, whose theme was the Manifestation of Jesus to His Disciples, a call to service. Hymn, "Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung, after which Mrs. J. J. Roddick led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. The members of the Executive Board who were present were then introduced to the body.

Mrs. M. A. Heck sent a most beautiful bouquet of lilies and carnations, which was presented to the Union by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Hight Moore accepted the gift, and moved that an expression of love and appreciation be sent to Mrs. Heck. Mrs. Moore was asked to send this message.

Announcement was made that for the first time North Carolina had her full delegation of twenty-five at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention at the session in Asheville in 1916.

Mission Literature was then discussed. Mrs. R. H. Bowden, of Tarboro, spoke on Mission Magazines; Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok, of Jackson, on Our Mission Study Classes, and Mrs. J. W. Bunn, of Raleigh, on The Missionary Library.

Mrs. W. C. James, of Richmond, President of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, then addressed the Union. Mrs. James's subject was Loyalty. "Every age has its peculiar message to the people of that age. The message today is one of loyalty to the King."

At the request of the Union, Mrs. James's address will be printed in the Biblical Recorder.

Mrs. Charles E. Brewer, Chairman of the Personal Service Committee, presented her annual report, which follows:

Annual Report of Committee on Personal Service.

The Personal Service report blanks sent out by the office in Raleigh were modeled after those made by the Woman's Mis-

sionary Union in Baltimore. In response to these blanks, 112 societies have reported. However, from the Superintendent's Annual Reports, we learn that there are in reality 284 societies engaged in Personal Service work. The work was begun in an organized way in December, 1912, Mrs. Charles E. Maddry being the first chairman of the committee and continuing in that position until her removal from the State last year. The growth of the work has been continuous, encouraging, and inspiring.

From the reports we gather the following facts: Number of Personal Service Committees, 84; persons doing Personal Service work, 1,849; teaching in mission schools, 44; Home Maker's Clubs, 6; cottage prayer meetings, 343; visits to sick, shut-ins, or strangers, 17,369; visit to weak churches or Sunday-schools, 186; services held, 254; literature distributed, Gospels, tracts, etc., 1,588. Societies report three clubs for boys or girls, four Cheer-All Clubs, one Good Will Center, three societies doing rescue work, two doing work among foreigners, and fifteen working among the negroes. Meals have been given to 436 individuals, 431 baskets of food have been given away, 1,308 garments, and other clothing to the value of $455.80. In additon to the above, $3,255.50 has been given to Personal Service work in food, clothing or cash.

Y. W. A.'s reporting Personal Service Committees, 5; members taking part, 53; teaching in mission Sunday schools, 2; visits to sick, jails, hospitals and strangers, 164; visits to weak churches, 58; tracts distributed, 300; services held, 6; societies working among negroes, 1; Cheer-All Clubs, 1; meals distributed, 26; garmnets, 37; food, garments and cash, $40.

The Girls' Auxiliaries report one Personal Service Committee with twenty-two members taking part in the work. The Girls' Auxiliaries have contributed $65.00 in garments.

The Sunbeam Bands report four Personal Service Committees; 13 members taking part; 277 visits made to sick, jails and hospitals, and $4.50 contributed to charity.

The Royal Ambassadors are also beginning to do some Personal Service work, having made several visits and contributed food and clothing to the needy.

Sixty-eight societies, in reply to the question, "Has Personal Service Helped Your Society?" bear testimony to the vitalizing effect of the work as follows: "It is transforming our society." "In helping others we have helped ourselves." "It has created more interest and increased our membership." "It brings the hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart contact which means so much." "It brings us closer to God and to each other."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES E. BREWER,
MRS. T. W. O'KELLY,
MRS. J. D. BOUSHALL,

Solo.

year.This scholarship is known as the "Louis Castlebury Memorial," and is given in memory of Mrs. Layton's father.

In her legacy, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck left $200 for the chapel which has since been named the Heck Memorial Chapel in her honor. The money was turned over by her attorney to the Union in October, 1916.

The Local Board in Louisville recently instituted a campaign for $30,000 among Louisville Baptists, and $30,500 was raised. The soliciting was done by Baptist men of the city.

Our Executive Committee requests that all money given during the next summer quarter shall go to the Training School. We feel sure this will meet your approval. Your loyalty in the past makes us confident of your co-operation now in the great work we are undertaking. In our Calendar of prayer we are asking you to pray one day in the week for the Training School. Let the petitions of thousands of women go up to God as one voice, and He will give us the victory!

MRS. HIGHT C. MOORE,
Trustee for North Carolina.

Miss Netta Liles, Mrs. J. Ben Eller, and Miss Ora May Howerton spoke briefly of what the life and influences at the Training School meant to them.

All present who had attended the Training School were asked to rise, and twelve responded.

On motion of Mrs. C. L. Haywood, a message of love and appreciation was sent Mrs. McLure, Principal of the school.

Mrs. S. J. Beeker spoke on "What made the Difference," and Miss Rene Joyce, whose parents are missionaries in Brazil, talked on Brazilian people.

The Associational Y. W. A. Superintendents were presented by Mrs. Mason. Response by Miss Carrie McLean, of Charlotte. The College girls were presented to the Union and responses were made by Miss Celia Herring, of Meredith College, and Miss Rebecca Long, of Chowan College. The session was closed with a pageant presented by the faculty and students of the State Normal and Industrial College. This pageant because of its thought and manner of presentation made a strong appeal for more effective work in our homeland.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Rev. W. Raleigh White presiding.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. O. Johnson. After special music by the choir, the Union was addressed by Dr. L. B. Warren, Superintendent of the Department of Church Extension of the Home Mission Board, At-

lanta, Ga. Dr. Warren's subject was Our Homeless Churches.

Hymn, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," was sung.

Rev. Walter N. Johnson, Secretary of the State Board of Missions then spoke, using as his topic The Larger Mission.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mr. Johnson, and adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Baptist churches and citizens of Greensboro have so cordially welcomed and entertained the Woman's Missionary Union during the session of 1917:

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we extend the thanks of the Union to the members and the pastor of the First Baptist Church for their cordial entertainment and for the untiring efforts, which have meant so much to us in the dispatch of our business. We would also express our appreciation to the choir for the beautiful music selections rendered during our sessions.

Second, That as delegates of the Union we extend to each and every home which has been so kind in caring for us during our stay in their midst a most hearty vote of thanks; and also to the people of Greensboro for all of the kindnesses shown us, our sincere thanks.

Third, That we extend our thanks to the faculty and students of the Normal College for the hospitality of the college at luncheon on Thursday of our session, and for the entertaining and instructive pageant rendered under the auspices of the College during the Thursday afternoon session;

Fourth, That we extend to Mrs. Charles Van Noppen and to Miss Parnill our thanks for the service rendered us by their participation in the session devoted to Sunbeam work on Wednesday afternoon;

Fifth, We wish to thank all the brethren of our own and other denominations who have rendered such valuable service in our programs during the night sessions;

Sixth, We wish to thank the Biblical Recorder and the Greensboro papers for advertising and reporting the Union through their columns;

Seventh, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the

minutes of the Union and that copies be sent to the Greensboro papers for publication.

MRS. W. T. CARSTARPHEN,
MRS. C. D. RAY,
MRS. P. W. GLIDEWELL,
MRS. R. E. NOOE,
MRS. G. N. COWAN,
MRS. I. M. MERCER,
MRS. J. W. WARE,
MRS. W. L. GRIGGS,
MRS. E. B. HAMRICK,
Committee.

After singing the doxology, the session was closed with prayer by Dr. Warren.

FRIDAY MORNING—MARCH 23.

The Union was called to order at 10 a. m. Hymn, "I need Thee every hour," was sung.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. A. V. Joyner, of Waynesville, whose subject was Vision.

"My Jesus as Thou Wilt" was sung, and Mrs. Joyner led in prayer.

A telegram of greeting and appreciation was received from Mrs. J. S. Farmer.

Our Summer Conferences were presented as follows:

Our Seaside Assembly, Wrightsville Beach, Mrs. Alexander Miller, of Red Springs.

The Ridgecrest Assembly, Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs.

Western Division Institute, Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Hendersonville.

Mrs. H. C. Moore, First Vice-President, was called to the Chair, and the Recommendations of the Executive Board were read by Miss Bertha Carroll. After discussion by Mrs. W. N. Jones, Mrs. C. L. Haywood, Mrs. W. T. Carstarphen, Mrs. Walter Daniel, Mrs. John Webb, and Mrs. J. W. Whitfield, they were adopted without change.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918.

Whereas all of our mission fields today present overpowering needs and unprecedented opportunities, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union recommend a forward movement along all lines of mission work the coming year.

I. **Watchword.** That as the inspiration for a fuller consecration, and as an incentive to greater activity, we keep constantly

in mind our watchword, Col. 3:24: "For ye serve the Lord Christ."

II. **Points of Emphasis.** That we put the things of the Spirit first in our lives and in all our plans, encouraging systematic Bible study, and giving our best efforts to the training of the younger members of our churches in mission thought and activity.

III. **Prayer.** That we recognize the power of prayer as the greatest force in our lives, and in our work; and that we pray daily and unitedly for God's blessing on our efforts to hasten the coming of His Kingdom. To this end we would recommend the following:

IV. **Prayer Calendar.** That we may pray unitedly.
Sunday—For Foreign Mission Work.
Monday—For Our Woman's Missionary Societies.
Tuesday—For the Home Mission Work.
Wednesday—For the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassador Societies.
Thursday—For the Louisville Training School.
Friday—For Our Young Woman's Auxiliaries.
Saturday—For Our State Mission Work.

That we observe the first week of the year as a Week of Prayer for world-wide missions and that we ask the entire church to unite with us in this service.

V. **Division Leaders.** That our five Vice-Presidents serve as leaders of their respective divisions, holding Institutes in their divisions where it is requested by the Associational Superintendents in their division, assisting their Superintendents in every way possible, and making a report of their division at the Annual Meeting of the Union.

VI. **Special Offerings.** That every Society make a persistent and determined effort to secure a monthly contribution for missions and a special offering to each of our special objects, Foreign Missions in January, Home Missions in April, Louisville Training School in August, and State Missions in September from every woman in their church. That we emphasize the importance of observing with these offerings the seasons of prayer, realizing that the gift with the prayer is of far greater value than the gift alone.

VII. **New Organizations.** That we endeavor to organize new Societies, W. M. S.'s, Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s, Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors wherever it is advisable and that we make special effort to bring our existing organizations to a greater efficiency.

VIII. **Louisville Training School.** In view of the fact that the new building for our Training School at Louisville is to be completed by the opening of the next session, we recommend that the entire contribution of our summer quarter be given, this year, to this object, and that during this period, June, July and August, every Society make a special effort to secure a contribution for the New Building from every woman in the church. That

we maintain at this school the coming session in addition to The Louis Castlebury Scholarship given by Mrs. Joel Layton, three scholarships, a fund of $525.00 being set aside for this purpose out of the general contribution.

IX. **Personal Service.** We urge that each Society strive to meet the spiritual and physical needs of its own community. To this end we recommend that each Society appoint a Personal Service Committee who shall report annually all work done along this line to the Chairman of the State Personal Service Committee, Mrs. Charles E. Brewer, Raleigh, N. C. Blanks for this purpose to be sent to each Society in November.

X. **Mission Literature.** Realizing the need of more information in regard to mission work, we recommend that each Society appoint annually a Literature Committee who shall endeavor to secure subscriptions to Royal Service, to Home and Foreign Fields and to our State denominational paper, the Biblical Recorder. We recommend that the Society as a whole subscribe to the above publications, if there are no individual subscribers among its members. That we endeavor to make the Woman's Missionary Union page in the Recorder a means of weekly communication between the officers of the Union and the Societies, and that reports of all Associational Meetings and items of general interest to the work be sent to the Editor, Miss Bertha Carroll, for publication.

We suggest that the Literature Committee in each Society keep a file of mission magazines and leaflets for the use of program committees. We also recommend that at the Annual Associational Meetings a Literature Committee who shall endeavor to secure subscriptions to our mission magazines and to the Biblical Recorder be appointed to serve during the meeting.

XI. **Traveling Libraries.** Whereas the Missionary Library has proved a most helpful feature in the Associations in which it has been tried, we recommend the establishment of traveling libraries in all of our Associations the coming year; these libraries to consist of ten or twenty mission text-books to be circulater under the direction of the Associational Superintendents throughout all of the Societies in the Assocoiation. Rules for the circulation of these libraries to be obtained from Mrs. J. W. Bunn, Raleigh, Chairman State Library Committee.

XII. **Mission Study.** That we cannot too strongly urge the importance of having at least one mission study class a year in each Society. As text-books we recommend for Woman's Missionary Societies, South American Neighbors, by Dr. Homer Stuntz, for Foreign Mission Study, and Country Church in the South, by Dr. V. I. Masters, for Home Mission Study; for Young Woman's Auxiliaries, An African Trail, by Jean MacKenzie; for Sunbeam Societies, The Land of the Golden Man; for Royal Ambassadors, Makers of South America, by Margarette Daniels.

XIII. **Annual Meetings.** That we emphasize the importance of every Society's sending a representative to the Annual Associational Meeting and of entering heartily into all of the plans

of the Asociational Superintendents. We recommend further, that these meetings be held at a separate time and place from the General Association wherever this is practicable. That a report of the work done by the Woman's Missionary Union be sent each year to the General Associational meeting, this report to be read by some pastor selected by the Associational Superintendent; and that the request be made that this report be embodied in the minutes of the Association under the head, Woman's Work. That delegates be sent to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, who on their return shall give a full report of this meeting to the Society.

XIV. **Summer Assemblies.** Wrightsville Assembly—That the Vice-President of the Wilmington Division conduct a department of W. M. U. work for a period of one hour a day for four days at the Baptist Seaside Assembly in June—and that the Superintendents of that Division give her their loyal support and co-operation in her plans, and endeavor to secure for this meeting a full representation from their Societies.

Ridgecrest Assembly—That the Woman's Missionary Union conduct a Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, July 9-13. This meeting to be under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Superintendent Junior Societies, and Mrs. C. E. Mason, Y. W. A. Leader. We ask the co-operation of the Vice-Presidents and Superintendents of the Charlotte and Asheville Divisons in securing a full attendance at the meeting and in making it a permanent and helpful feature of our work.

XV. **Church Building and Loan Fund.** The Judson Centennial Fund for Foreign Missions having been completed, we recommend that the Societies enter heartily into the plans of the Executive Committee to raise $33,000, which is our proportionate part of the Church Building and Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board. To this end, we further recommend that every Society secure a contribution to this fund of an amount equivalent to $1.00 for each woman in the Society. This special collection to be made in April each year for a period of three years, or until the whole amount is raised, and to be in addition to the regular offering of the Society for Home Missions, the same to be reported as contribution to the Church Building and Loan Fund. Every Society contributing $10.00 or more to this fund shall receive a certificate receipt from the Woman's Missionary Union for the amount given, and every Society or Association giving the sum of $500.00 to this fund shall be entitled to establish a Memorial Fund in honor of some member of said church or Association, and to receive a Memorial Certificate from the Home Mission Board. We recommend further, that one day of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions be given to the presentation of this work.

XVI. **Simpler Programs.** That to meet the demand from our Associational Superintendents for simpler programs for new Societies, we publish during the coming year a pamphlet containing twelve programs, giving the fundamental facts in regard to the

work of the Woman's Missionary Union and the mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention..

XVII. **Standard of Excellence.** That we adopt the following Standard of Excellence for Woman's Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries:

1. At least twelve regular meetings a year with a devotional exercise and a definite missionary program.

2. An increase in membership during the year of at least ten per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year until all eligible members are enlisted.

3. An increase of gifts to missions of not less than ten per cent of the preceding year's contributions to similar objects.

4. Regular reports to State Officers each quarter of the year.

5. *One of the denominational magazines or a Calendar of prayer subscribed for in at least half of the homes represented in the Missionary Society, the ultimate aim being one in every home.

6. **Observance of the special season of prayer for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

7. ***At least one Mission Study Class during the year.

8. An average attendance at regular meetings of a number equal to one-half of the membership.

9. Some definite, organized Personal Service rendered regularly to those of your own community in spiritual or physical need.

10. ****Organization and fostering of a Missionary Society in a neighboring church, or for the younger people of the local church.

XVIII. **Financial Aim.** That our financial aim for the year be $63,000.00 to be divided as follows:

To Foreign Missions	$20,000.00
To Home Missions	14,000.00
To State Missions	12,000.00
To Louisville Training School	5,000.00
To Margaret Educational Fund	100.00
To Sunday School Board	100.00
To Expense Fund	800.00
To Church Building and Loan Fund	11,000.00
Total	$63,000.00

*Omitted from standards for Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams.

**To read for Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams: "Observance of at least one meeting of the special seasons."

***To read for Sunbeam standard: "Participation in the missionary program of the Sunday School Board."

****Omitted from standards of Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams; to read for Young Women's Auxiliaries: "Fostering of the Girls' Auxiliary in the local church or, where none exists, the organization and fostering of the same; or where a Girls' Auxiliary is temporarily impractical, similar effort for other younger people of the local church."

Mrs. Walter Daniel presented the Report of the Committee on Apportionment, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Ashe	$ 20.00
Brunswick	250.00
Beulah	500.00
Bladen	75.00
Buncombe	3,000.00
Brushy Mountain	150.00
Caldwell	250.00
Cape Fear-Columbus	300.00
Carolina	400.00
Catawba River	300.00
Central	5,300.00
Chowan	2,500.00
Cumberland	600.00
Eastern	1,600.00
Flat River	1,700.00
Green River	400.00
Haywood	400.00
Johnston County	1,100.00
King's Mountain	990.00
Little River	500.00
Liberty-Ducktown	10.00
Liberty	1,000.00
Mecklenburg and Cabarrus	3,300.00
Macon	55.00
Mt. Zion	3,400.00
Montgomery	300.00
Neuse-Atlantic	2,100.00
Pee Dee	2,000.00
Piedmont	2,400.00
Pilot Mountain	3,000.00
Raleigh	2,900.00
Roberson	3,000.00
Roanoke	2,500.00
Sandy Creek	1,300.00
Sandy Run	1,000.00
South Fork	2,000.00
South River	500.00
South Yadkin	1,500.00
Stanly	100.00
Surry	75.00
Tar River	2,000.00
Tennessee River	200.00
Three Forks	100.00
Transylvania	100.00
Tuckaseigee	150.00
Union	600.00

Western North Carolina	125.00
West Chowan	5,000.00
Wilmington	1,700.00
Yadkin	150.00
Yancey County	100.00
Total	$63,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER E. DANIEL, Chairman.
MRS. J. L. SIMMONS,
MRS. J. F. BROOKS,
MRS. J. W. WHITFIELD,
MRS. R. B. MOORE,
MISS MACY COX,
MRS. JOHN WEBB,
MRS. R. L. MOORE,
MRS. J. R. MORGAN,
MRS. B. A. HOCUTT,
MRS. P. S. VANN,
MRS. W. R. BEACH,
MRS. J. D. WITHERS,
MRS. C. L. HAYWOOD,
MRS. WHITT R. STONE,
MRS. J J. RODDICK,
MRS. H. B. MOORE,
MRS. C. S. ROYAL,
MRS. C. S. CASHWELL,
MRS. J. H. THARPE,
MRS. S. N. WATSON,
MISS FLORENCE WHITNEY,
MRS. D. B. SNYDER.

The report on Plans of Work was presented by Mrs. W. H. Reddish. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS OF WORK.

Realizing that in these perilous times our task is to give Christ to those about us and to those beyond the seas, we beg to recommend:

1. That we seek power and endurance to witness for Jesus by learning at His feet, and that we hold the banner of His cross aloft to the world.

2. That we seek larger information from every source in order to become efficient workmen in His Kingdom.

3. That we seek to bring about a hearty co-operation between each church and the Biblical Recorder and that we give our Corresponding Secretary our hearty support in making the Woman's Page of the Recorder a record of the missionary pulse of our Union.

5. That we seek to have a larger attendance at the Summer Conferences.

6. That each Society strive earnestly to attain the Standard of Excellence and to bear always in our individual lives the motto of our Union, "For ye serve the Lord Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. Y. KILLIAN,
MRS. J. A. KEMP,
MRS. J. M. TURLEY,
MISS LULA BROOKS,
Committee.

Mrs. W. J. Clifford read the report on Personal Service, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL SERVICE.

The Personal Service Department of the W. M. U. means much to the life of the Societies. Christ was the great example when on the earth and He is not unmindful of the assistance we may render and the part we may play in the work of human uplift. The five loaves and two fishes in the hands of the lad were hardly enough for himself, but in the hands of Jesus they were enough for more than five thousand people, and twelve baskets full besides. So with our means and our lives in our own hands, they can satisfy us only in part for a time, but in the hands of Jesus they will feed the multitudes on living bread and become a treasure in heaven for us.

We need to keep ourselves with our means in the hands of Jesus, and He will accomplish the work through us.

We recommend:

1. That more study be given to the physical and spiritual needs of our community.

2. That mothers' meetings be held. Helpful literature may be obtained from Raleigh State Board of Health, Government Department of Labor, Washington, and a publication in Baltimore —"Home Makers"—price 10 cents; also that Home Makers' Clubs and Cheer All Clubs be organized.

3. That cottage prayer meetings be held and visiting the jails and county homes be emphasized.

4. That we keep before the Societies the responsibility which the presence of the foreigners and negroes in our own land brings.

5. That a definite record be kept monthly of all personal service work done, thus enabling the Societies to fill out accurately the yearly report blanks that are sent out by the Personal Service Committee.

MRS. W. J. CLIFFORD,
MRS. R. E. WILLIAMS,
MRS. C. L. JENKINS,
MRS. J. O. FULBRIGHT,
Committee.

Mrs. Henry Bunch presented for the committee the report on Church Building and Loan Fund. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Whereas God in His goodness has so abundantly prospered our W. M. U. work during the past year, we, your committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund, recommend:

1. That the Societies enter heartily into the plan of the Executive Committee for raising $11,000.00 this year for the Church Building and Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board.

2. That in order to do this we strive to secure a contribution to this fund of an amount equivalent to $1.00 from each woman in the Societies.

3. That April be the time for this special collection, and that one day of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions be devoted to the presentation of this subject.

4. That the individual Societies and Associations endeavor to establish as many Memorial Funds as possible, and that all amounts given to this Fund be reported to our W. M. U. office at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JNO. JETER HURT,
MRS. W. L. CARTER,
MRS. F. J. HARDISON,
MRS. J. O. BOBBITT,
MRS. D. T. HERRING,
MRS. C. V. BLAKE,
MRS. D. C. FARTHING,
MRS. T. D. MANESS,
MRS. H. A. McLAURIN,
Committee.

The report on the Louisville Training School was presented by Miss Mary Lou Powers, and adopted by the Union.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOUISVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

In view of the fact that the new building for our Training School at Louisville is to be completed by the opening of the next session, we recommend that the entire contribution of our summer quarter be given this year to this object, and that during June, July and August every Society make a special effort to secure a contribution for the new building from every women in the church.

We further recommend that wherever it is possible, individuals follows the example of Mrs. Joel G. Layton, of Dunn, who gave

last summer $3,000 to found a Scholarship at the Training School.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. MITCHINER,
MISS NAOMI E. SHELL,
MRS. W. C. LYON,
MISS MARY LOU POWERS,
MISS BEULAH BOWDEN,
MRS. E. B. VAUGHAN,
MRS. W. G. JENNINGS,
MRS. E. J. BUNCH,
Committee.

The following report on Sunbeam Work was offered for the Committee by Mrs. Willard Moss. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNBEAM AND ROYAL AMBASSADOR WORK.

Trying to follow in the footsteps of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and realizing that it takes concentration of purpose, perseverance in training and teaching our junior organizations, and prayer without ceasing, we, the Committee on Sunbeam Work, resolve:

1. To consecrate ourselves anew to this important work for the Master, and to hold as our highest motive the conversion of the children under our care, our prayers, plans and programs being to this end.

2. To give ourselves to a deeper study of the Bible as preparation for better Bible teaching in the Bands. To pray more frequently that we may lead the children to pray.

3. Knowing that ignorance is the greatest hindrance to missionary advancement we advise the study of our missionary magazines, especially Royal Service and Home and Foreign Fields Mission Study during the year we would suggest that we adopt for Sunbeams, The Land of the Golden Man, and The Missionary Goat and Other Stories; for Royal Ambassadors, Makers of South America.

4. We would emphasize the need of regular Band meetings, striving to teach mission truths and inculcate a spirit of cheerful giving.

5. To lay greater stress than ever before on our Personal Service Work, thereby making the children feel that they have a part in the uplift of those less fortunate than themselves.

6. We shall have our Bands observe with suitable programs the special days for Home, State and Foreign Missions.

7. It shall be our endeavor to train the children in tithing, having them bring an offering each meeting. Special offerings shall be made on the Home, State and Foreign Mission days. We

will set an aim for our Band and keep it before them during the year.

8. The names of children contributing one dollar or more to missions during a quarter shall be sent to the Band Superintendent to be printed in the Dollar Roll in the Recorder. Each Dollar Sunbeam will be presented with a book of Psams from the Pullen Testament Fund.

9. Being confident that printing the list of Bands and Chapters that have reported regularly has resulted in securing reports from the majority of Junior organizations each quarter, we recommend that in future the Honor Roll shall consist only of those reporting every quarter, and that in place of the lists of silver, blue and red star bands and chapters, a list of Junior organizations contributing more than $15.00 shall be printed. Also the six leading Bands and six leading Chapters shall be printed.

10. We recommend that Junior superintendents be appointed in every Association when practical and that those superintendents visit the Bands and Chapters, organize new ones, suggest monied aims and urge their attainment. That these superintendents and the Junior State Superintendents communicate quarterly and consult as to plans to be laid before the children and boys.

11. That aim for the Junior work in each Association shall be taken proportionate to the development of the work in the Association. That there shall be a standing order at Central Office for report blanks and envelopes for all especial offerings during the year.

12. It shall be our effort to reach a high place in the Standard of Excellence.

13. We will try to co-operate with the Primary Sunday-school teachers in mission work, also with other Mission Band leaders. We will offer help to weak Bands or to the organization of new Bands, taking part in Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador rallies whenever possible.

14. That we adopt the following financial aims:

AIMS FOR 1917-18.

	Sunbeams.	R. A.
Foreign Missions	$1,850.00	$200.00
Home Missions	1,450.00	160.00
State Missions	1,400.00	210.00
Training School	200.00	35.00
Margaret Fund	150.00	

Bible Fund	100.00	
Expense Fund	50.00	
	$5,200.00	$615.00

MRS. WILLARD MOSS,
MISS MABEL CLARK,
MRS. J. S. SLATE,
MRS. JOHN M. CHEEK,
MISS SADIE PARHAM,
MRS. J. D. WARREN,
MRS. J. BEN ELLER,
MRS. W. T. CARSTARPHEN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Y. W. A. work was presented by Mrs. C. C. Smith. Adopted. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. C. E. Mason for her services during the past two years.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON Y. W. A. WORK.

The Y. W. A. Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Mason, has given unstintedly out of her love for the Master and intense interest in His work, her earnest labor, her wise counsel, and her deep spiritual inspiration, to the Young Woman's Auxiliaries of the State. This committee wishes to express the deep regret of the Y. W. A. that she gives up the work, and our most earnest appreciation of her, and of what she has done for the Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

We would ask on the part of the Y. W. A. that we give to the new Secretary, our sincere loyalty, our most earnest efforts, and our constant prayers.

It is with a deep sense of our possibility, and our responsibility in mission work, that we recommend the following:

1. That we use the Standard of Excellence as our ideal of attainment, keeping constantly before our minds a definite aim, in study, in enlistment, in finance,—and in prayer.

2. That we use Royal Service, Home and Foreign Fields, the Biblical Recorder, and our leaflet literature in the preparation of our programs, and in gaining a deeper knowledge of Mission work, and that we use the Calendar of Prayer in as many Auxiliaries possible.

3. That we urge each Auxiliary to have during the year at least one Mission Study Class.

4. That special effort be made to observe Home, State and Foreign Mission Days.

5. That we endeavor to enlist every girl in our churches in some organized mission work.

6. That every Y. W. A. have a Personal Service Committee, and that this be a special feature of Y. W. A. work.

7. That we organize seventy-five new societies during the coming year.

8. That we observe Promotion Day.

9. That each Auxiliary foster and organize other Auxiliaries wherever possible, and that they assume a special responsibility in the organization of Girls' Auxiliaries.

10. That we attend the Missionary Institutes and Associational Meetings, and send a representative to the Annual State W. M. U., and the Missionary Conferences at Ridgecrest and Wrightsville, and that wherever it is possible that we have an Associational Y. W. A. Rally.

11. That we take as a financial aim for 1917-1918 a 10 per cent increase, over our contributions for this year.

12. That each Y. W. A. leader stress the importance of sending quarterly reports regularly and promptly, and that we strive to have at least one hundred Societies reporting regularly during the coming year.

13. That we strive to enlist the full co-operation of college girls; that Ann Hasseltine Circles be organized in our colleges; and that during the vacation months the co-operation of these students be enlisted in the Y. W. A.'s in our local churches.

14. That during the 1918 session of our Annual Meeting, one afternoon be given to the discussion of Y. W. A. work.

15. That we strive for deeper spirituality in our work, and that we hold up before our members the ideal of a life of service and that as many of our Y. W. A. girls as possible be urged to enter our Louisville Training School to prepare themselves for definite Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHAS. C. SMITH,
MISS THERESA REDFORD,
MISS ANNIE RUTH CALDWELL,
MISS ADA SHEARON,
MISS ORA MAE HOWERTON,
MRS. A. C. HAMBY,
MISS ORA MATTHEWS,
MISS CELIA HERRING,
MISS RUTH SHAW,

Committee.

Mrs. G. A. Norwood offered the report for the Committee on Time and Place. The report was adopted after discussion by Mrs. Whitt Stone and Mrs. F. G. Battle, who spoke in favor of the present place of entertainment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

The Committee on Time and Place for the next Annual Meeting recommend the fourth week in March, 1918, as the time, and Asheville as the place.

Because of the size of the Convention, this committee strongly recommends the Harvard plan for your consideration at the Asheville meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. A. NORWOOD,
MRS. E. K. PROCTOR,
MISS EVA LIDDELL,
MRS. W. R. BEACH,
MRS. B. L. ASHWORTH,
MRS. R. M. MADDRY,
MRS. J. G. MORRISETTE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was offered by Mrs. R. H. Bowden. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the members of the Nominating Committee, representing every division of our State, and believing we are acting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, do unanimously submit the following report:

For President—Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh.

First Vice-President—Greensboro Division—Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Raleigh.

Second Vice-President—Elizabeth City Division—Mrs. S. N. Watson, Winton.

Third Vice-President—Wilmington Division—Mrs. H. T. Pope, Lumberton.

Fourth Vice-President—Charlotte Division—Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte.

Fifth Vice-President—Asheville Division—Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Asheville.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Bertha Carroll, Raleigh.

Our hearts are full of appreciation for the untiring work of our Y. W. A. Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Mason. May God's richest blessings rest upon her. Since she feels that she cannot continue the work, we nominate Mrs. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, for Y. W. A. Secretary.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh.

We desire to extend to Mrs. Henry Bunch, of Raleigh, our thanks for so faithfully filling the Recording Secretary's place in her absence from the meeting.

Junior Superintendent—Miss Elizabeth Briggs, of Raleigh.

Executive Committee—Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. C. E. Brewer, Mrs. J. H. King, Mrs. J. R. Barkley, Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Mrs. Weston Bruner. Mrs. J. D. Boushall, Mrs. T. W. O'Kelly, Mrs. W. F. Marshall, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Mrs. J. W. Bunn, Mrs. W. C. Riddick, Mrs. Z. M. Caviness.

Delegates to Convention at New Orleans—Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Oxford; Mrs. C. T. Lipscombe, Greensboro; Mrs. H. C. Moore, Raleigh; Mrs. C. L. Haywood, Durham; Mrs. L. L. Henry, Wadesboro; Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Raleigh; Miss Bertha Carroll, Raleigh; Mrs. J. D. Warren, Monroe; Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, Asheville; Mrs. Chester Brown, Asheville; Mrs. Charles Toms, Asheville; Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Waynesville; Mrs. Whitt R. Stone, Greensboro; Mrs. W. T. Carstarphen, Wake Forest; Mrs. Livingston Johnston, Rocky Mount; Miss Ada Shearin, Rocky Mount; Mrs. J. T. Joyner, Winston-Salem; Mrs. H. Montague, Winston-Salem; Mrs. T. B. Lindsey, Madison; Mrs. W. L. Goodwin, Mrs. J. B. Blades, New Bern; Mrs. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte; Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Asheville; Mrs. J. W. Roach, Durham.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention at Durham—Mrs. Frank Powers, Wallace; Mrs. George Shuford, Asheville; Mrs. Ben Eller, Durham; Mrs. George Parker, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Martin W. Buck, Burlington; Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Wadesboro.

MRS. R. H. BOWDEN,
MRS. J. J. RODDICK,
MRS. W. C. RIDDICK,
MRS. J. F. BROOKS,
MRS. B. A. HOCUTT,
Committee.

Mrs. Jones expressing appreciation and confidence in the continued loyalty and support of the Union, accepted for herself and the other officers.

On motion of Mrs. John Webb a note of appreciation and sympathy was sent Miss Mollie Patterson, a former Vice-President of the Piedmont Association, who was prevented from attending the meeting by illness.

In appreciation of her interest in the Union and as a token of sympathy on account of her recent illness, a bouquet of carnations was presented to Mrs. Clyde Turner, by the Union, through Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs.

Miss Bertha Carroll read the names of our W. M. U. workers who have entered into rest during the year just closed.

The Memorial Hymn, "For all the saints who from their labors rest," was sung, and the session adjourned after prayer by Mrs. Wesley N. Jones.

MRS. WESLEY N. JONES, President.

MRS. HENRY BUNCH, Secretary pro tem.

CONFERENCES.

Conferences were held each morning:

W. M. S. Conferences.

Wednesday—The W. M. S. in the City Church, Mrs. W. C. Riddick, Raleigh, presiding.

Thursday—Personal Service, Mrs. C. E. Brewer, Raleigh, presiding.

Friday—The W. M. S. in the Country Church, Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, Oxford, presiding.

Y. W. A. Conferences.

Wednesday—Preparedness, Mrs. C. E. Mason, Charlotte, presiding.

Thursday—Y. W. A. and G. A. Associational Superintendents, Miss Carrie McLean, Charlotte, presiding.

Friday—College Auxiliaries and Personal Service, Mrs. Mason presiding.

Junior Conferences.

Wednesday—Royal Ambassadors, Mrs. W. G. Jennings, Carthage, presiding.

Thursday—Junior Organizations, Miss Elizabeth Briggs, Raleigh, presiding.

Friday—Literature and Programs, Miss Briggs presiding.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1917.

ASHE ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Beaver Creek, $8.65.

SUNBEAMS.

*Beaver Creek, $6.50. Total, $15.15.

Brunswick Association.

W. M. S.

*Antioch, $14.28; Beulah, $22.50; Chapel Hill, $2.95; Cool Run, $1.35; *Lebanon, $38.45; Long Branch, $1.25; *Bethel, $6.11; Friendship, $2.35;Mill Creek, $9.00; Mt. Olive, $5.43; Southport, $1.46. Total, $114.90.

Y. W. A.

*Antioch, $1.95; Lebanon, $10.05; *Mill Creek, $11.38; *Mt. Pisgah, $19.32; *Southport, $26. Total, $68.70.

SUNBEAMS.

*Lebanon, $10.45; Mt. Pisgah, $1.82; Southport, $3.50; Mill Creek, $3.75; Antioch, $2.74; Cool Run, $1.00; Bethel, 45 cents; Mt. Olive, 36 cents. Total, $23.57.

Grand total, $207.17.

BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Antioch, 65 cents; *Blanch, $9.00; Bethel Hill, $7.70; Lea Bethel, $16.75; *Milton, $26.75; *Providence, $35.00; *Rock Grove, $11.95; *Roxboro, $149.55; Shiloh, $1.10; Trinity, $3.00; *Y.anceyville, $40.00. Total, $301.45.

Y. W. A.

Yancyeville, $3.65.

SUNBEAMS.

*Lambeth Memorial, $4.90; *Roxboro, $17.00; Rock Grove, $2.20; Yanceyville, $9.24; Mill Creek, $1.95; Milton, $1.00. Total, $36.29.

Grand total, $341.39.

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*Societies marked with asterick have reported every quarter. Associations printed in black type have made a ten per cent increase over last year's gifts.

BLADEN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Bladenboro, $43.35; Love's Grove, $10.41. Total, $53.76.

SUNBEAMS.

Bladenboro, $3.70.
Grand total, $57.46.

Buncombe Association.

W. M. S.

Antioch, $20.00; *Asheville, First Church, $1,245.37; *Beaverdam, $70.20; *Biltmore, $55.05; *Calvary, $134.60; *Fairview, $32.05; Flat Creek, $4.75; *French Broad, $134.25; New Bridge, $10.00; North Asheville, $6.22; Riverside, $16.00; Ridgecrest, $47.00; *South Black Mountain, $36.75; West End, Asheville, $16.96. Total, $1,829.20.

Y. W. A.

*Asheville, First Church, $312.45; Calvary, $11.85; French Broad Ave., G. A., $8.32; French Broad, $28.75; Riverside, $14.15; West End, $9.25; West End, G. A., $5.43. Total, $390.20.

SUNBEAMS.

*Asheville, First, $129.68; Biltmore, $7.47; French Broad, $11.86; *Riverside, $6.97; West End, $6.85; Ridgecrest, $1.00. Total, $163.83.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Ashville, First, $132.06; French Broad, $4.31; Ridgecrest, $1. Total, $137.37.
Grand total, $2,520.60.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*North Wilkesboro, $79.05; *Wilkesboro, $26.10. Total, $105.15.

SUNBEAMS.

*North Wilkesboro, $16.17; Beaver Creek, 90 cents. Total, $17.07.
Grand total, $122.22.

Caldwell Association.

W. M. S.

*Blair's Fork, $13.60; Granite Falls, $13.50; *Grandin, $5.10; Lenoir, $39.45; *Lenoir, Second Church, $6.30; *Lower Creek, $33.25; Rhodhiss, $11.60; *Sardis, $13.10. Total, $135.90.

Y. W. A.

*Lenoir, $12.50; Rhodhiss, $5.00. Total, $17.50.

SUNBEAMS.

*Blair's Fork, $2.10; Edgemont, $1.60; *Lenoir, First, $15.00; *Lower Creek, $11.50; *Rhodhiss, $7.80; *Sardis, $9.69; Granite Falls, 50 cents; Lenoir, Second, $2.81. Total, $51.00.
Grand total, $204.40.

Carolina Association.

W. M. S.

*East Flat Rock, $17.45; Fruitland, $3.95; French Broad, $9.00; *Hendersonville, $171.85; Refuge, $8.25; Mud Creek, $5.50. Total, $216.00.

Y. W. A.

Fruitland Institute, $10.00; *Hendersonville, $22.70; Hendersonville, G. A., $7.05; Tuxedo, $35.37. Total, $75.17.

SUNBEAMS.

Balfour, $5.10; *Hendersonville, $4.09; Refuge, $4.75; Zion Hill, $2.00. Total, $15.94.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Hendersoncille, $4.00.
Grand total, $311.06.

Cape Fear-Columbus Association.

W. M. S.

Boardman, $3.00; *Cerro Gordo, $50.70; Chadbourn, $23.43; China Grove, $6.25; Clarkton, $9.15; Hope Mills, $3.05; Lennon's Cross Roads, $4.70; Sweet Home, $4.51; *Whiteville, $38.35. Total, $143.14.

SUNBEAMS.

Whiteville, $10.25; *Boardman, $53.40; China Grove, $2.50; Cerro Gordo, $4.60; Sweet Home, $2.53. Total, $73.28.
Grand total, $216.42.

Catawba River Association.

W. M. S.

*Drexel, $25.85; Enon, $4.85; *East Morganton, $29.00; *Morganton, $102.93; *North Cawtaba, $21.43; Pleasant Hill, $9.55. Total, $193.60.

SUNBEAMS.

Morganton, First, $15.15; Morganton, Second, $1.40. Total, $16.55.
Grand total, $210.15.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Bay Leaf, $6.45; Brassfield, $30.80; Bethany, $4.25; Flat Rock, $113.44; *Franklinton, $199.92; Forestville, $3.00; Glen Royal, $3.79; Hopkin's Chapel, $8.57; Harris's Chapel, $5.10; Johnson Memorial, $11.50; *Midway, $12.57; *Mt. Olivet, $16.10; Mt. Vernon, $11.85; *New Bethel, $13.60; New Hope, $18.92; *Oak Grove, $16.85; Perry's Chapel, $44.50; *Raleigh, First Church, $2,018.25; Wake Cross Roads, $5.55; *Wakefield, $24.58; *Wake Union, $8.59; *Woodland, $10.25;* Wake Forest, $257.69; *Youngsville, $186.70. Total, $3,032.82.

Y. W. A.

Clements, $2.55; *Eliza Yates, Raleigh, First Church, $206.13; Meredith College, $75.00; Oak Grove, $8.29; *Raleigh, First Church, $114.54; Raleigh First Church, G. A., $12.65; Wakefield, $13.11; Wake Forest, $180.20; *Wake Forest, G. A., $10.36. Total, $622.83.

SUNBEAMS.

*Brassfield, $30.50; *Clement, $4.55; *Franklinton, $50.20; *Raleigh, 1st, $60.00; *Mt. Olivet, $15.75; Perry's Chapel, $3.85; *Wake Union, $2.82; *Wake Forest, $27.41; *Youngsville, $52.50; Bay Leaf, $1.00; Hopkin's Chapel, 30 cents; Hughes, Chapel, $4.66; New Bethel, $3.81; Oak Grove, $7.55. Total, $264.90.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Mt. Olivet, $21.00; Wake Forest, $9.00; Hughes Chapel, $1.65; Oak Grove, $1.55. Total, $32.20.

Grand total, $3,953.75.

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Ballard's Bridge, $36.46; *Belhaven, $32.95; Bethel, $31.07; *Blackwell Memorial, $268.00; Bethany, $4.00; Berea, $14.00; *Columbia, $25.30; *Corinth, $29.15; *Cool Springs, $26.25; Creswell, $21.48; *Edenton, $240.45; *Elizabeth City, $177.23; Eure, $6.00; *Eureka, $41.65; Ebenezer, $17.50; Gatesville, $42.88; *Hertford, $94.40; *Macedonia, $18.80; *Manteo, $63.00; *Moyock, $11.50; Mt. Pleasant, $4.50; Pleasant Grove, $5.60; Poplar Branch, $24.00; Pantego, $2.20; Powell's Point, $6.83; Reynoldson, $38.00; *Riverside, $29.25; *Rocky Hock, $68.46; *Salem, $20.46; *Sawyer's Creek, $128.35; Yeopim, $7.85. Total, $1,537.57.

Y. W. A.

*Belhaven, $5.00; Blackwell Memorial, $31.00; *Edenton,

$108.45; Edenton, G. A., $11.50; Elizabeth City, First Church, $5.00; Hertford, $5.00; Hertford, G. A., $9.00. Total, $174.95.

SUNBEAMS.

*Belhaven, $6.06; Blackwell Memorial, $15.00; Bethel, $1.05; Corinth, $5.00; *Edenton, $40.36; *Elizabeth City, First, $10.28; Harrellsville, $2.89; *Hertford, $15.50; *Manteo, $6.65; *Powell's Point, $2.50; *Riverside, $4.25; *Rocky Hock, $10.70; *Sawyer's Creek, $28.69; *Soundside, $7.56; *Travis, $9.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Gatesville, $8.92; Roper, $9.30; Ballard's Bridge, $8.11; Providence, 90 cents; Reynoldson, $1.00. Total, $195.72.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Blackwell Memorial, $10.50; *Sawyer's Creek, $30.44. Total, $40.94.

Grand total, $1,949.18.

Cumberland Association.

W. M. S.

*Beaverdam, $21.67; *Bladen Union, $35.10; *Cpae Fear, $25.30; *Cedar Falls, $9.86; Cedar Creek, $15.85; *Cumberland Union, $15.85; *Fayetteville, First Church, $188.50; Fayetteville, Second Church, $7.00; Green Springs, $18.75; Hope Mills, $4.85; Massey Hill, $6.95; *Rockfish, $65.88; Sharon, $30.50; *Stedman, $9.75; Shiloh, $1.85; Tabrenacle, $1.97. Total, $459.63.

Y. W. A.

Fayetteville, $12.62; Sharon, $1.60. Total, $14.22.

SUNBEAMS.

*Fayetteville, First, $29.16; Green Springs, $2.26; *Rockfish, $12.35; Cape Fear, $7.38; Cumberland Union, $6.90; Fayetteville, Second, $1.00; Cedar Falls, 11 cents; Steadman, $1.16. Total, $60.32.

Grand total, $534.17.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Beulah, $37.60; *Beulaville, $18.00; *Beulah Chapel, $58.50; Bear Marsh, $2.00; *Calypso, $25.60; *Clinton, $143.00; *Concord, $5.80; Corinth, $25.00; Delway, $5.15; Dobson's Chapel, $4.30; *Ebenezer, $9.65; *Faison, $31.00; Garland, $17.00; Island Creek, $5.00; *Johnson's, $57.40; Jones' Chapel, $20.00; *Kenansville, $35.75; *Magnolia, $75.00; *Mt. Olive, $109.84; Mt. Gilead, $2.00; New Hope, $15.77; *Oak Vale, $7.50; *Piney Grove, $22.00; Poplar Grove, 80 cents; *Rose Hill, $59.50; Rowan, $38.00; Siloam, $5.18; Southern, $2.45; Turkey, $11.15; Warsaw, $75.00. Total, $924.94.

Y. W. A.

*Clinton, $34.00; Ebenezer, $1.50; Faison, $2.10; Johnson's, $1.00; *Magnolia, $45.00; Mt. Gilead, 60 cents; *Mt. Olive, $11.75; Oak Vale, $4.00; Rose Hill, $2.00; Rowan, $10.00. Total, $111.95.

SUNBEAMS.

Beulaville, $2.00; *Clinton, $28.00; Concord, $2.50; *Delway, $6.20; *Evergreen, $18.00; Garland, $4.71; *Johnson's, $13.30; *Magnalia, $40.00; *Mt. Olive, $41.00; *Oak Vale, $4.00; Piney Grove, $5.75; Poplar Grove, 25 cents; *Rose Hill, $19.75; *Turkey, $11.85; *Warsaw, $45.00; Kenansville, $4.00; Corinth, $4.87; Dobb's Chapel, 83 cents; Faison, $13.00; New Hope, $2.69; Rowan, $17.00; Jones' Chapel, $6.00; Bay Leaf, 50 cents; White Oak, 32 cents; Calypso, $2.25; Mt. Gilead, 28 cents; Sharon, $1.65. Total, $294.70.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Rose Hill, $1.85.
Grand total, $1,334.44.

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Amis Chapel, $33.45; Beulah, $22.05; Bethany, $2.00; *Concord, $12.60; *Creemoor, $45.05; Corinth, $19.50; Dexter, $14.10; *Enon, $33.67; *Florence Ave., $90.20; *Grassy Creek, $30.20; Hester's, $6.10; Island Creek, $23.00; *Knott's Grove, $42.72; Knap of Reeds, $13.10; *Mary's Chapel, $6.95; Mt. Creek, $64.67; Mill Creek, $44.00; Mt. Harmony, $2.30; *Olive Branch, $9.34; Olive's Grove, $12.90; *Oxford, $548.00; Sharon, $4.34; *Stovall, $24.50; Tally Ho, $4.50; For Associational Missions by Association, $100.00. Total, $1,209.24.

Y. W. A.

Florence Ave., $1.40; *Oxford, $48.36; Oxford, G. A., $1.50; Total, $51.26.

SUNBEAMS.

*Amis Chapel, $13.00; *Enon, $19.68; *Florence Ave., $14.13; Island Creek, $9.15; *Knott's Grove, $13.21; *Mt. Creek, $22.18; Mary's Chapel, $2.75; *Oxford, $35.08; Bullock, $1.00; Beulah, $9.50; Grassy Creek, $7.84; Tally Ho, $9.98; Knap of Reeds, $2.00; Peaces' Chapel, $1.33; Pleasant Grove, $3.11; Stovall, $3.85; Tabb's Creek, $3.35; Bethany, 45 cents; Corinth, $2.67; Creedmoor, $3.46; Fellowship, $1.68; Hester, 37 cents; Mt. Zion, $1.00; Olive Grove, $1.25; Rock Springs, $2.21; Dexter, 80 cents. Total, $185.03.
Grand total, $1,445.53.

FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Flat Creek, $2.15; Laurel Branch, $18.70; *Marshall, $16.00; Mars Hill, $51.37. Total, $88.22.

Green River Association.

W. M. S.

Clinchfield, $3.75; *Marion, $29.40; *Mt. Vernon, $34.17; Muntford's Cove, $3.58; Old Fort, $24.00; Round Hill, $43.00; *Rutherfordton, $98.42. Total, $236.32.

Y. W. A.

Rutherfordton, $29.12.

SUNBEAMS.

Marion, $20.45; Mt. Vernon, $35.99; Rutherfordton, $5.11. Total, $61.55.

Grand total, $326.99.

HAYWOOD ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Locust Field, $30.65; Pleasant Hill, $52.02; Spring Hill, $2.05; *Waynesville, $168.00. Total, $252.72.

Y. W. A.

*Waynesville, $25.90.

SUNBEAMS.

*Waynesville, $19.50; Judson Band, $3.60. Total, $23.10.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Waynesville, $7.39.

Grand total, $309.11.

Johnston County Association.

W. M. S.

Baptist Center, $12.40; Bethesda, $3.85; Benson, $18.20; Bailey, $3.60; Blackman's Grove, $1.10; *Clayton, $223.65; Clyde's Chapel, $17.90; *Four Oaks, $29.35; Kenly, $9.00; *Middlesex, $30.00; Mt. Moriah, $33.80; Pine Level, $24.00; *Pisgah, $46.46; *Selma, $39.75; *Shiloh, $21.50; *Smithfield, $155.10; *Wendell, $8.75; Wilson's Mills, $12.00. Total, $690.41.

Y. W. A.

Benson, 50 cents; Benson, G. A., $3.00; Clayton, $10.25; Clayton, G. A., $18.50; Four Oaks, G. A., $1.30; Mt. Moriah, G. A., $5.00; Middlesex, G. A., $4.26; *Selma, G. A., $4.75; Smithfield, $4.35. Total, $65.56.

SUNBEAMS.

*Clayton, $30.20; Four Oks, $7.08; *Middlesex, $15.88; *Pisgah, $5.82; *Selma, $7.81; *Smithfield, $19.77; Wendell, $8.35; Benson, $3.60; Shiloh, $1.00; Mt. Moriah, $8.85. Total, $108.36.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Benson, $2.50; *Clayton, $14.00; Four Oaks, $2.95; Mt. Moriah, $10.00; Selma, $1.00. Total, $30.45.

Grand total, $894.78.

KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Boiling Springs, $80.92; *Cherryville, $76.60; *Double Springs, $34.15; *Elizabeth, $34.21; Flint Hill, $4.75; Grover, $19.50; King's Mt., $48.50; New Bethel, $13.10; New Hope, $18.73; Patterson Station, $1.70; *Shelby, First Church, $182.18; South Shelby, $11.76; Waco, $18.75; Fallston, $5.60; Union, $5.05. Total, $555.50.

Y. W. A.

Bessemer City, $5.00; *Boiling Springs, $7.80; King's Mt., $18.35; New Bethel, $2.20; New Hope, $3.75; Shelby, First Church, $6.00; South Shelby, $3.85. Total, $46.95.

SUNBEAMS.

*Boiling Springs, $13.07; *Cherryville, $18.70; *Double Springs, $4.37; Elizabeth, $16.05; Grover, 50 cents; New Hope, $2.00; Shelby, Second, $11.50; New Bethel, $1.05; Shelby, First, $14.77; Flint Hill, $1.62; King's Mt., $15.39; Waco, $4.00. Total, $103.02.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Boiling Springs, $6.68; King's Mt., $9.55; Grover, $1.50. Total, $17.73.

Grand total, $723.20.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Angier, $20.95; *Antioch, $15.80; Buie's Creek, $70.00; Chalybeate Springs, $12.76; *Coats, $69.38; Duke, $13.80; *Dunn, $44.95; Friendship, $8.00; Holly Springs, $18.41; Lillington, $37.00; Piney Grove, $13.15; Louis Castlebury Scholarship, $45.00. Total, $369.20.

Y. W. A.

*Buie's Creek, $42.74; *Coats, $8.54; Dunn, $1.85; Dunn, Jr. Y. W. A., 10 cents; Little River, $2.00. Total, $55.23.

SUNBEAMS.

*Buie's Creek, $6.71; Coats, $2.48; Dunn, $1.46. Total, $10.65. Grand total, $435.08.

LIBERTY-DUCKTOWN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Notla, $1.00.

Liberty Association.

W. M. S.

Ashboro, $20.15; Denton, $43.75; Holloway's, $31.50; *Jersey, $23.99; *Lexington, $117.40; *Thomasville, $139.71; *Thomasville Orphanage, $265.19; Stoner's Grove, $15.20; *Wallburg, $28.25. Total, $685.14.

Y. W. A.

Lexington, G. A., $2.35; Thomasville, Orphanage, $11.81. Total, $14.16.

SUNBEAMS.

Holloway's, $1.22; *Lexington, $18.90; Thomasville, $14.55; *Wallburg, $13.30; *Reeds, 3.75. Total, $51.72.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Lexington, $6.01.
Grand total, $757.03.

MECKLENBURG-CABARRUS ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Allen St., Charlotte, $62.00; *Charlotte, First Church, $1,617.50; *Concord, $74.50; *Concord,, McGill St., $49.20; Cornelius, $14.50; Chadwick, $9.70; Independence Hill, $3.50; *Kannapolis, $29.30; *Matthews, $24.70; *Ninth Ave., Charlotte, $123.90; *Oak Grove, $14.97; *Pleasant Plains, $6.60; Pritchard Memorial, $280.20; Stough Memorial, $22.95. Total, $2,333.52.

Y. W. A.

Allen Street, G. A., $3.55; Allen Street, $8.40; *Charlotte, First Church, $207.20; Charlotte, First Church, G. A., $15.15; Concord, $12.25; *Elizabeth, $19.96; *Friendship, $13.50; Independence Hill, $1.00; Kannapolis, $5.00; Lottie Moon, Charlotte, First Church, $17.40; *Ninth Avenue, Charlotte, $32.60; Oak Grove, $4.15; *Pritchard Memorial, $7*.00; *Pritchard Memorial, G. A., $50.40. Total, $466.56.

SUNBEAMS.

Allen St., $6.65; Charlotte, First, $18.04; *Friendship, $2.58; *Independence Hill, $3.70; Kannapolis, $10.30; *Matthews,

$10.58; *McGill St., $9.00; Ninth Ave., $14.70; Pritchard Memorial, $11.10; Stough Memorial, $13.15; Chadwick, 54 cents; Oak Grove, 40 cents; Cornelius, $2.39. Total, $103.13.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

McGill St., $6.50.
Grand total, $2,909.71.

Macon County Association.

W. M. S.

Tellico, $39.00; Cowee, $2.00. Total, $41.00.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Antioch, $21.50; *Bethel, $36.65; Bells, $3.85; *Burlington, $147.07; Carrboro, $28.95; Cedar Fork, $22.40; *Chapel Hill, $65.45; *Durham, First Church, $441.46; *Durham Second Church, $169.36; *East Durham, $107.85; Edgemont, $51.00; *Graham, $85.65; *Hillsboro, $36.77; Lystra, $38.80; Lakewood, $3.55; *Mebane, $72.90; *Mt. Gilead, $28.20; Mt. Pisgah, $104.00; *North Durham, $112.60; *Olive's Chapel, $103.33; *Red Mountain, $30.55; *West Durham, $171.10; Mt. Carmel, $5.50. Total, $1,888.49.

Y. W. A.

Chapel Hill, $4.30; *Durham, Second Church, $37.94; *East Durham, $63.15; East Durham, G. A., $12.25; Edgemont, $8.45; Edgemont, G. A., $2.50; *Earnest Workers, Durham, $707.50; First Church, G. A., Durham, $2.16; Mt. Gilead, $5.68; Mt. Pisgah, 60 cents; Olive's Chapel, $6.27; Olive's Chapel, G. A., $1.44; North Durham, $10.70; North Durham, G. A., $1.00; *West Durham, $47.13; *Yates' Chapel, $4.30. Total, $962.69.

SUNBEAMS.

Bells, $2.15; Burlington, $3.10; Durham, First, $10.00; *East Durham, $15.12; West Durham, $9.80; North Durham, $9.60; Lystra, $1.99; *Mebane, $32.42; *Mt. Pisgah, $9.25; *Yates' Chapel, $8.32; Durhan, Second, $6.85; Hillsboro, $10.25; Merry Oaks, 80 cents; Olive Chapel, $5.05. Total, $124.70.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Durham, First, $2.45; *West Durham, $16.70. Total, $19.15.
Total, $2,995.03.

Montgomery Association.

W. M. S.

Biscoe, $20.50; Dover, $2.25; *Laurel Hill, $38.00; Forks of Little River, $20.95; *Mt. Gilead, $76.65; *Star, $10.40; Stony Fork, $3.25; Troy, $36.80; Wadeville, $21.90. Total, $230.70.

Y. W. A.

Star, G. A., $1.00.

SUNBEAMS.

Biscoe, $6.25; Laurel Hill, $4.00; Stony Fork, $3.15. Total, $13.40.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Star, $2.00.
Grand total, $247.10.

Neuse-Atlantic Association.

W. M. S.

*Ayden, $27.70; *Bayboro, $14.23; *Beaufort, $71.76; *Davis, $17.50; *Fremont, $12.64; *Goldsboro, First Church, $242.00; Goldsboro, Second Church, $1.00; *Kinston, $347.60; *LaGrange, $32.50; Leary Memorial, $3.00; Mt. Nelson, 40 cents* Marshallburg, $12.70; *Maysville, $17.80; *Morehead City, $98.20; *New Bern, ,First Church, $285.55; New Bern, Tabernacle $33.00; *Oriental, $24.80; Piney Grove, $20.25; Pollocksville, $60.45; Sanday Bottom, $1.35; Swansboro, $52.79; Smyrna, $9.00; Union, $2.70; *Winterville, $83.45. Total, $1,472.37.

Y. W. A.

Beaufort, $2.05; Goldsboro, $63.00; Goldsboro, G. A., $4.00; Kinston, $37.14; Kinston, G. A., $3.05; Morehead City, $31.16; Oriental, $2.20; Oriental, G. A., $1.50; Tabernacle, New Bern, $7.01; Winterville, G. A., $8.05. Total, $159.16.

SUNBEAMS.

*Beaufort, $12.25; *Davis, $6.25; Kinston, $2.06; *LaGrange, $17.53; Maysville, $1.00; *Smyrna, $10.57; *Winterville, $21.82; New Bern, First, $13.00; Tabernacle, $6.41; Ayden, $4.32; Swansboro, $5.00. Total, $100.21.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

New Bern, First, $2.50; Beaufort, $1.00. Total, $3.50.
Grand total, $1,735.24.

Pee Dee Association.

W. M. S.

Ansonville, $26.00 Cartledge's Creek, $20.00; Cobb Memorial, $13.78; Ellerbe, $43.55; *Gibson, $45.50; *Hoffman, $13.00; Hamlet, $6.00; Lilesville, $6.00; *Laurinburg, $149.82; *Morven, $31.90; *Polkton, $23.00; Peachland, $18.95; Roberdel, $27.50; Rockingham, $214.90; Spring Hill, $85.60; *Wadesboro, $335.00. Total, $1,060.50.

Y. W. A.

*Laurinburg, $79.73; *Rockingham, $150.83; Spring Hill, $33.90; *Wadesboro, $131.96. Total, $396.42.

SUNBEAMS.

Hamlet, $32.30; Ellerbe, $6.29; Laurinburg, $11.60; *Morven, $18.15; *Rockingham, $14.09; *Wadesboro, $67.83; Peachland, $2.96; Cartledge's Creek, $1.25; Spring Hill, $6.10. Total, $160.57.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Laurinburg, $3.00.
Grand total, $1,620.49.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Ashboro St., $60.83; *Forest Ave., $288.57; *Greensboro, First Church, $582.45; Green St., High Point, $51.10; *High Point, First Church, $191.60; *Moore's Chapel, $16.85; Ramseur, $25.00; *Reidsville, $156.75; Third Street, Greensboro, 80 cents; Walnut St., Greensboro, $26.86. Total, $1,400.81.

Y. W. A.

Ashboro Street, G. A., Greensboro, $20.61; *Greensboro, First Church, G. A., $15.01; *Greensboro, First Church, $131.95; High Point, $135.15; *High Point, G. A., $27.90; *Moore's Chapel, $6.31. Total, $336.93.

SUNBEAMS.

*Greensboro, First, $40.24; *Ashboro Street, $103.25; *Forest Ave., $5.83; High Point, $36.25; *Moore's Chapel, $5.81; Ramseur, $7.20; Florida Ave., $9.00; Magnolia Steet, 28 cents. Total, $207.86.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Ashboro Street, $27.55; Greensboro, First, $25.34. Total, $52.89.
Grand total, $1,998.49.

Pilot Mountain Association.

W. M. S.

*Brown Memorial, $443.51; Clemmonsville, $3.75; Draper, $20.50; Deep Springs, $11.00; *Greenwood Ave., $138.40; Kernersville, 60 cents; *King, $9.00; Leaksville, $36.81; *Lewisville, $15.00; *Madison, $25.05; Moyodan, $10.60; Mt. Airy, $96.00; *North Winston, $89.53; *Southside, $33.50; *Spray, $56.55; Stoneville, $27.80; *Salem, $158.00; *Winston-Salem, First Church, $638.45. Total, $1,814.05.

Y. W. A.

*Brown Memorial, $224.13; *Leaksville, $39.35; Leaksville, G. A., $6.35; Salem, $22.12; *Winston-Salem, $158.00. Total, $449.95.

SUNBEAMS.

*Greenwood Ave., $20.00; Leaksville, $12.77; North Winston, $23.20; Spay, $17.20; Dan Valley, $2.05; Winston-Salem, First, $50.50; Brown Memorial, $72.53; Southside, $7.00; King's, $1.35; Pilot Mt., $5.00. Total, $211.60.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Leaksville, $3.85.
Grand total, $2,479.45.

Raleigh Association.

W. M. S.

*Apex, $241.05; *Cary, $126.64; *Collin's Grove, $30.00; *Garner, $42.56; Good Hope, $51.00; *Green Level, $72.70; Fuquay, $12.10; *Hephzibah, $66.35; *Holly Springs, $90.53; Inwood, $4.00; Knightdale, $14.85; Mt. Hermon, $10.00; Morrisville, $3.00; *Mt. Zion, $16.70; New Hill, $3.75; *Pullen Memorial, $32.05; Pilot Mills, $3.40; *Shady Grove, $56.40; Salem, $28.50; Swift Creek, $4.05; Tabernacle, $899.22; *Zebulon, $73.91. Total, $1,882.76.

Y. W. A.

Apex, $7.21; Apex, G. A., $14.00; *Cary, G. A., $9.74; *Green Level, G. A., $4.76; Holly Springs, $13.75; Raleigh, Tabernacle, $283.20; Zebulon, G. A., $3.06. Total, $335.72.

SUNBEAMS.

Cary, $1.89; *Holly Grove, $14.10; Pullen Memorial, $3.55; *Shady Grove, $17.48; Tabernacle, $23.28; Zebulon, $8.24; Apex, $6.11; Green Level, $2.18; Garner, $10.00. Total, $86.83.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Green Level, 75 cents.
Grand total, $2,306.06.

Robeson Association.

W. M. S.

Antioch, $18.97; *Ashpole, $264.43; *Back Swamp, $45.95; *Baltimore, $18.80; Beulah, $1.50; Big Branch, $41.90; *Broad Ridge, $10.25; Bethany, $4.25; *East Lumberton, $75.38; *Great Marsh, $25.75; *Long Branch, $94.30; *Lumber Bridge, $56.00; *Lumberton, First Church, $369.97; Maxton, $27.52; *Mt. Eliam, $61.12; Oakton, $3.58; Pleasant Grove, $13.00; *Proc-

torville, $15.88; Pleasant Hope, $2.25; Raeford, $78.60; *Raft Swamp, $85.65; Rowland, $31.90; *Red Springs, $44.65; *Rozier's, $12.48; Smyrna, $7.45; *Saddle Tree, $32.73; *St. Pauls, $119.97; *Ten Mile, $8.56; *Tolarsville, $18.66. Total, $1,591.45.

Y. W. A.

Ashpole, $14.91; Back Swamp, $9.88; East Lumberton, $14.25; First, Lumberton, $50.29; *First, Lumberton, G. A., $19.31; St. Pauls, $6.50; *St. Pauls, G. A., $7.31; *Tolarsville, G. A., $10.47. Total, $132.92.

SUNBEAMS.

*Ashpole, $40.00; *Back Swamp, $19.70; Beulah, $6.77; *Bethany, $6.43; *Big Branch, $15.80; Boad Ridge, $7.00; Ephesus, $4.61; *Great Marsh, $14.97; *Long Branch, $24.75; *East Lumberton, $15.25; *Lumberton, $135.12; West Lumberton, 25 cents; Mt. Eliam, $4.82; Oakdale, $1.50; Oak Grove, $5.20; Pleasant Hope, $2.75; *Proctorville, $6.92; *Raeford, $39.60; *Raft Swamp, $25.26; Rennert, $5.72; *Red Springs, $20.76; Rozier, $3.80; *Saddle Tree, $7.80; *Smyrna, $3.35; *St. Pauls, $7.47; *Tolarsville, $5.30; Baltimore, $4.25; Clyborn, $1.40; Maxton, $22.21; Pleasant Grove, $2.58; Raynham, 28 cents; Cedar Grove, $2.78; Barnesville, $2.32. Total, $466.72.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Ashpole, $18.85; *Lumberton, $36.28; St. Pauls, $6.26. Total, $61.39.

Grand Total, $2,252.48.

ROANOKE ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Aenon, $1.75; Bethel, $2.40; Cypress Chapel, $2.93; Dawson's, $5.40; *Ebenezer, $28.85; *Elm City, $29.90; Enfield, $11.60; Farmville, $56.25; Fountain, $2.00; *Greenville Memorial, $169.45; *Greenville, Immanuel, $91.35; *Hickory, $34.94; *Nashville, $59.50; *New Hope, $22.46; Oak Level, $7.00; Plymouth, $6.00; Rosemary, $5.20; Rocky Mt., $231.00; Roanoke Rapids, $5.05; *Scotland Neck, $519.13; *Spring Hope, $21.35; *Stantonburg, $36.76; Sharpsburg, $2.10; Tarboro, $44.07; Washington, $53.65; Weldon, $64.55; *Wilson, $288.79; Williamston, $11.01; Whitakers, $18.55. Total, $1,832.99.

Y. W. A.

First, Rocky Mount, $15.00; Scotland Neck, $24.30; Weldon, $22.10. Total, $61.40.

SUNBEAMS.

Elm City, $2.95; *Greenville Memorial, $21.45; *Nashville,

$16.25; *Rocky Mt., $87.50; Weldon, $12.61; Wilson, $66.01; Oakton, 60 cents; Hamilton, $5.00; Spring Hope, $2.00. Total, $214.37.

Grand total, $2,108.76.

Sandy Creek Association.

Aberdeen, $91.99; *Bennett, $7.80; *Bethlehem, $31.75; *Bethany, $18.75; *Bonlee, $18.85; *Brush Crek, $12.85; *Cameron, $80.50; *Carthage, $1,07.66; Cool Springs, $12.10; Ephesus , $2.55; *Emmaus, $13.03; Fall Creek, $3.30; Friendship, $2.00; Goldston, $3.10; *Jonesboro, $51.80; Love's Creek, $1.00; *Moncure, $14.91; Mt. Olive, $5.37; May's Chapel, $9.60; *Pittsboro, $60.10; Rocky River, $2.06; Rive's Chapel, $9.50; *Sanford, $184.00; *Sandy Branch, $24.55; *Siler City, $101.80; Sandy Creek, $16.50. Total, $887.28.

Y. W. A.

*Carthage, $12.02; Jonesboro, $2.65; *Sanford, $24.15; Sanford, G. A., $4.00. Total, $42.82.

SUNBEAMS.

*Aberdeen, $22.10; Bonlee, $1.16; *Cameron, $17.80; *Carthage, $5.25; Jonesboro, $6.22; *Moncure, $2.23; *Sanford, $22.84; *Siler City, $31.79; Bethlehem, $4.00; Mt. Olive, 50 cents. Total, $113.89.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Carthage, $9.53.

Grand total, $1.053.52.

Sandy Run Association.

W. M. S.

Adaville, $3.50; *Bethel, $22.30; *Bostic, $20.38; Caroleen, $93.05; *Cliffside, $87.60; Concord, $6.25; *Forest City, $75.75; *Green's Creek, $16.50; *High Shoals, $38.75; *Henrietta, $39.50; *Mt. Pleasant (C), $20.95; *Mt. Pleasant (R), $15.95; Race Paths, $2.00; Sandy Run, $18.75; Shiloh, $12.55; *Southern, $99.85; Sulpher Springs, $2.45; *Wall's $16.02. Total, $592.10.

Y. W. A.

Caroleen, $16.05; Cliffside, $4.75; Forest City, $8.95; Forest City, G. A., $14.00; *Henrietta, $20.38; Mt. Pleasant (R), $3.45; Total, $67.58.

SUNBEAMS.

*Henrietta, $5.59; *Southern, $21.60; *Mt. Pleasant, $6.68; *Bostic, $14.58; *Caroleen, $12.57; *Cliffside, $10.05; Adaville,

$2.75; Forest City, $30.50; Shiloh, $2.55; Sandy Run, $1.46; Mt. Pleasant (C), 25 cents. Total, $108.58.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

*Cliffside, $12.75; Mt. Pleasant (C), 70 cents. Total, $13.45. Grand total, $781.71.

South Fork Association.

W. M. S.

*Belmont, First Church, $27.82; *Brookford, $14.00; Catawba, $9.67; Dallas, $21.00; East Belmont, $11.80; *East Gastonia, $24.55; *First, Gastonia, $439.81; *Hickory, First Church, $200.49; Hickory, Station, $2.00; High Shoals, $18.90; *Loray, $71.65; *Lincolnton, First Church, $123.85; *McAdenville, $23.45; Maiden, $3.10; Mt. Holly, $23.75; Newton, $56.50; *Olivet, $41.70; Sandy Plains, $19.64; West Hickory, $5.15. Total, $1,138.82.

Y. W. A.

Belmont, $22.90; East Gastonia, $6.40; East Gastonia, G. A., 80 cents; *Gastonia, $82.65; *Hickory, $66.55; High Shoals, $24.00; Lincolnton, $8.00; Loray, $32.07. Total, $243.37.

SUNBEAMS.

*Gastonia, $39.70; *Hickory, $99.71; Lincolnton, $18.00; McAdenville, $6.30; Mt. Holly, $12.37; Belmont, $10.84; East Gastonia, $7.29; Higland, $4.10; *High Shoals, $5.57; Lincoln Ave., $1.90; *Newton, $11.37; *Olivet, $16.75; East Belmont, $2.16; Dallas, $5.40; Loray, $6.33; Clara Mill, $2.16. Total, $249.95.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Hickory, $11.62; East Gastonia, $1.10; Belmont, $2.50. Total, $15.22.

Grand total, $1,647.36.

South River Association.

W. M. S.

Mingo, $5.47; *Roseboro, $21.85; *Salemburg, $118.72; Spring Branch, $89.45; *White Oak, $17.80. Total, $253.29.

Y. W. A.

Autryville, 80 cents; Baptist Chapel, $8.00; *Clements, $13.14; Mary's Chapel, $1.00; Salemburg, $39.64; Spring Branch, $45.65. Total, $108.23.

SUNBEAMS.

Salemburg, $26.68; Spring Branch, $9.59; Corinth, 50 cents;

White Oak, $1.40; Piney Green, $1.80; Roseboro, $1.97; Southern, $5.00. Total, $46.94.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Salemburg, 57 cents.
Grand total, $409.03.

South Yadkin Association.

W. M. S.

*Bethel, $21.50; Cool Springs, $5.35; *China Grove, $19.00; Cooleemee, $39.30; *Eaton's, $19.92; Farmington, $26.41; *Front St., Statesville, $61.40; *Mooresville, $22.72; *Mocksville, $100.02; *New Hope, $33.85; *Rockwell, $22.75; *Statesville, First Church, $265.35; *Salisbury, $234.69; Chestnut Hill, $1.64; *Society, $15.00; *Spencer, $78.31; *South River, $34.48; *Western Avenue, $38.75; Jerusalem, 30 cents. Total, $1,030.70.

Y. W. A.

Corinth, $2.65; Salisbury, First Church, $10.00; Spencer, $3.00; Statesville, First Church, $2.55. Total, $18.20.

SUNBEAMS.

Cool Springs, $4.01; Jerusalem, 90 cents; Mocksville, $6.72; Rockwell, $1.00; New Hope, $3.00; *Salisbury, $17.25; *South River, $2.16; *Spencer, $18.25; *Statesville, First, $10.00; *Front Street, $14.44; *Western Ave., $5.99; Bethel, 40 cents; Cooleemee, $4.11; Mooresville, $1.75; Chestnut Hill, 25c.; China Grove, $4.25; Statesville, Second, 80 cents. Total, $95.28.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Salisbury, $3.25; Statesville, First, $4.73. Total, $7.98.
Grand total, $1,152.20.

Stanly Association.

W. M. S.

Albemarle, $58.75; Palmerville, $23.10. Total, $81.85.

Surry Association.

W. M. S.

Antioch, $8.50; *Elkin, $34.10; Mountain Park, $6.80. Total, $49.40.

Tar River Association.

W. M. S.

Advance, $2.48; *Bethelhem, $10.80; *Bethesda, $11.00; *Bethany, $7.55; *Brown's, $32.15; *Bunn, $24.98; *Castalia, $13.80; Cedar Rock, $23.05; *Centerville, $17.80; Corinth, $3.10;

Cypress Chapel, $2.00; *Gardner's, $63.45; *Harris Chapel, $20.01; *Henderson, $186.02; *Inez, $8.60; Kittrell, $3.35; *Littleton, $52.70; Hickory Rock, $2,35; *Louisburg, $232.78; *Macon, $27.80; *Marmaduke, $13.57; Midway, $9.12; *Middleburg, $20.05; Mt. Olive, $25.16; Mt. Hebron, $1.11; *Maple Springs, $32.15; Mt. Zion, $10.32; *New Bethel, $25.70; *New Sandy Creek, $17.35; Norlina, $5.55; Oak Ridge, $2.18; Jyoner's Chapel, $4.00; Poplar Springs $12.60; Philadelphia, $16.75; Peach Tree, $8.95; *Reedy Creek, $10.52; Red Bud, $1.00; *Sandy Creek, $26.00; *Sharon, $33.73; *South Henderson, $14.50; *Sulpher Springs, $13.20; Turkey Branch, $2.66; *Vaughan's, $40.00; *Warrenton, $112.09; Warren Plains, $12.00; White Level, $8.05. Total, $1,224.08.

Y. W. A.

*Henderson, $73.85; *Littleton, $10.94; Louisburg, $33.85; Louisburg, G. A., $6.30; Warrenton, $6.85. Total, $131.79.

SUNBEAMS.

*Advance, $12.45; *Brown's, $3.35; *Cary's, $7.59; *Castalia, $5.50; *Harris Chapel, $2.15; *Henderson, $23.12; *Littleton, $25.75; *Macon, $14.78; New Bethel, $4.30; Sulpher Sprigns, $1.-68; *Warrenton, $24.61; Bear Swamp, $6.12; Cypress Chapel, 45 cents; Louisburg, $5.00; Norlina, $12.25; Joyner's Chapel, $1.27; Maple Springs, $1.80; New Sandy Creek, $9.00; Peachtree, 56 cents; Sharon, $2.80; Vaughan, 10 cents; Gardner's, $4.70. Total, $169.33.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Henderson, $10.41; *Littleton, $4.61; Louisburg, $4.35. Total, $19.37.

Grand total, $1,544.57.

Tennessee River Association.

W. M. S.

Bone Valley, $4.50; *Brysaon City, $121.12; Cold Spring, $14.05; Cherokee, $8.00; *Deep Creek, $8.75; Holly Spring, 60 cents. Total, $157.02.

Y. W. A.

Byson City, G. A., $1.10.

SUNBEAMS.

Byson City, $8.16; Deep Creek, $2.05; White Pine, 10 cents Total, $10.31.

Grand total, $168.43.

Three Forks Association.

W. M. S.

*Boone, $21.80; *Cove Creek, $32.81; Blowing Rock, $2.00; Forest Grove, $8.60. Total, $65.21.

SUNBEAMS.

Boone, $6.50.
Grand total, $71.71.

Transylvania Association.

W. M. S.

Brevard, $59.98; Little River, $1.00; Mt. Moriah, $1.15; Zion, $2.50. Total, $64.63.

Y. W. A.

Brevard, $2.00; Little River, $1.50. Total, $3.50.

SUNBEAMS.

Enon, $2.22; Little River, $1.15; Zion, 50 cents; Glady, 50 cents; Mt. Moriah. Total, $5.27.
Grand total, $73.40.

Tuckaseigee Association.

W. M. S.

Beta, $4.05; *Cullowhee, $46.75; Scott's Creek, $21.88; *Sylva, $34.58; Webster, $15.82. Total, $123.08.

SUNBEAMS.

Sylva, $1.53; Scott's Creek, $1.10. Total, $2.63.
Grand total, $125.71.

Union Association.

W. M. S.

Hopewell, $18.95; Marshville, $62.51; *Meadow Branch, $57.35; *Monroe, $269.00; *Shiloh, $48.35; West Monroe, $5.00. Total, $461.16.

SUNBEAMS.

Corinth, $1.02; *Meadow Branch, $21.75; Marshville, $9.09; Monroe, $34.00; Shiloh, $3.00. Total, $68.89.
Grand total, $530.05.

Western North Carolina Association.

W. M. S.

Andrews, $25.00; Murphy, $49.69. Total, $74.69.

Y. W. A.

Andrews, $3.60.

SUNBEAMS.

*Murphy, $12.22.
Grand total, $90.51.

West Chowan Association.

W. M. S.

*Ahoskie, $219.13; *Ashley's Grove, $36.22; *Aulander, $132.95; *Askewville, $32.02; *Bethlehem, $24.05; Bethany, $3.00; *Buckhorn, $164.59; *Brantley's Grove, $27.28; *Conway, $15.98; Capehearts, $5.00; *Center Grove, $20.80; Christian Harbor, $35.90; *Chowan, $229.50; *Colerain, $102.30; Creekville, $10.78; *Cashie, $101.00; Connaritsa, $15.00; *Elam, $31.81; *Harrellsville, $83.15; Hebron, $7.70; *Holly Grove, $26.40; Holly Springs, $11.57; *Horton's, $20.38; *Jackson, $58.60; *Kelford, $64.90; Lasker, $19.00; Lewiston, $33.50; *Meherrin, $34.50; *Mt. Carmel, $30.10; Mt. Tabor, $120.20; Menola, $17.03; *Murfreesboro, $125.63; Oak Grove, $12.40; Pleasant Grove, $17.20; *Potecasi, $84.80; *Powellsville, $39.18; Republican, $23.80; *Rich Square, $66.50; Riverside, $14.63; Roberts' Chapel, $27.47; *Sandy Run, $88.55; *Seaboard, $91.05; Severn, $63.98; St. Johns, $18.00; *Union, $88.55; *Winton, $55.55; Woodland, $116.05; Association, $701.82. Total, $3,369.50.

Y. W. A.

*Ahoskie, $19.75; Ahoskie, G. A., $12.75; Ashley's Grove, $2.10; Askewville, 37 cents; Aulander, $12.65; *Chowan, $35.00; *Chowan College, $43.77; Colerain, $7.85; Jackson, $5.35; Potecasi, $11.15; *Rich Square, $6.20; Sandy Run, $1.95; Seaboard, $4.90; Seaboard, G. A., $4.30; Woodland, $7.35. Total, $175.44.

SUNBEAMS.

*Ahoskie, $6.06; *Ashley's $4.41; Askewville, $5.36; Aulander, $6.00; *Bethlehem, $17.07; *Brantley's, $6.06; *Buckhorn, $22.82; Cashie, $6.15; *Chowan, $54.75; *Colerain, $16.41; Conway, $1.89; *Hebron, $1.63; *Holly Grove, $4.29; *Horton's $5.62; *Jackson, $5.96; *Kelford, $13.95; Lewiston, $15.15; Mars Hill, $1.00; Masonboro, $2.35; Mt. Carmel, $3.74; *Mt. Tabor, $26.84; Murfreesboro, $3.07; *Rich Square, $6.25; *Sandy Run, $3.75; Severn, $20.60; *Winton, $37.60; Woodland, $3.71; Christian Harbor, $7.55; Creeksville, $2.30; Elam, $1.10; Harrellsville, $2.25; Meherrin, $2.65; Powellsville, $5.95; Seaboard, $4.60; St. John, $1.76; Cannaritsa, $1.20; Republican, 97 cents; Bethany, $2.26. Total, $335.08.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Ahoskie, 50 cents; Askewville, $5.55; *Buckhorn, $23.70; *Colerain, $19.36; Jackson, $6.72; *Seaboard, $5.90. Total, $61.73.

Grand total, $3,941.75.

WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

Atkinson, $9.55; *Bethlehem, $22.85; *Burgaw, $60.30; *Canetuck, $28.90; Calvary, $18.20; *Delgado, $6.28; *Emma's Chapel, $16.90; *Jacksonville, $37.55; Masonboro, $14.20; Mt. Holly, $2.83; Pleasant Grove, $33.10; Riverside, $6.40; Salem, $5.50; Seagate, $11.30; *Southside, $75.25; *Teachey's, $22.75; *Willard, $26.70; *Wallace, $42.38; *Watha, $12.25; Wells Chapel, $12.65; *Wrightsboro, $8.00; *Wilmington, First Church, $400.81; *Winter Park, $81.18. Total, $955.83.

Y. W. A.

*Burgaw, G. A., $6.55; Calvary, $14.80; Calvary, Jr. Y. W. A., $4.00; Seagate, G. A., $3.52; Southside, Wilmington, Y. P. U., $1.00; Wallace, $3.36; Willard, $3.25; Wilmington, First Church, $106.47; Wilmington, First Church, G. A., $63.37; Winter Park, $5.25. Total, $211.57.

SUNBEAMS.

*Burgaw, $7.02; *Calvary, $11.50; *Jacksonville, $10.07; *Seagate, $2.32; *Southside, $5.68; Willard, $2.50; Watha, $1.39; *Winter Park, $4.00; Wilmington, $4.53; Atkinson, 50 cents; Caintuck, $1.06; Riverside, $8.20; Wallace, $5.32; Delgado, $8.00; Masonboro, $1.50; Well's Chapel, 40 cents. Total, $73.99.

Grand total, $1,241.39.

YADKIN ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Booneville, $32.25; *East Bend, $25.50; *Forbush, $48.30; Flat Rock, $2.00; Yadkinville, $3.60. Total, $111.65.

SUNBEAMS.

East Bend, $2.00; Forbush, $4.20; Yadkinville, $1.88. Total, $8.08.

Grand total, $119.73.

YANCEY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

W. M. S.

*Burnsville, $49.10.

Y. W. A.

Burnsville, $9.90.

SUNBEAMS.

Burnsville, $3.00.
Grand total, $62.00.
Cash, $1.18.
From Board of Education, $51.88. Total, 53.06.
Grand total from all Associations, $50,849.79.

Totals for Woman's Missionary Societies.

To Foreign Missions	$ 11,014.92	
To Christmas Offering	3,716.05	
Total Foreign Missions		$ 14,730.97
To Home Missions	$ 7,535.36	
To Home Mission Offering	1,111.03	
To Home Mission Boxes	1,743.85	
Total Home Missions		$ 10,390.24
To State Missions	$ 9,815.98	
To Louisville Training School	3,706.99	
To Sunday School Board	121.98	
To Margaret Educational Fund	9.50	
To Expense Fund	695.93	
Total		$ 39,435.59

Totals for Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

To Foreign Missions	$ 2,151.94	
To Christmas Offering	440.86	
Total Foreign Msisions		$ 2,592.80
To Home Missions	$ 960.92	
To Home Mission Offering	58.79	
To Home Mission Boxes	400.20	
Total Home Missions		$ 1,419.91
To State Missions	$ 1,412.50	
To Louisville Training School	595.34	
To Sunday School Board	7.05	
To Margaret Educational Fund	.55	
To Expense Fund	59.00	
Total		$ 6,087.15

Totals for Sunbeams.

To Foreign Missions	$ 1,145.57	
To Christmas Offering	514.30	
Total Foreign Missions		$ 1,659.87
To Home Missions	$ 1,070.89	
To Home Mission Offering	124.42	
To Home Mission Boxes	132.40	
Total Home Missions		$ 1,327.71
To State Missions	$ 1,263.48	
To Louisville Training School	286.35	
To Margaret Educational Fund	69.03	
To Bible Fund	114.76	
To Expense Fund	46.03	
Total		$ 4,767.23

Total for Royal Ambassadors.

To Foreign Missions	$ 144.84	
To Christmas Offering	18.01	
Total Foreign Misisons		$ 162.85
To Home Missions	$ $135.44	
To Home Mission Offering	4.02	
To Home Mission Boxes	6.20	
Total Home Missions		$ 145.66
To State Missions	$ 199.83	
To Louisville Training School	39.91	
To Margaret Educational Fund	3.45	
To Bible Fund	3.45	
To Expense Fund	1.46	
Total		$ 559.82

Grand Totals.

To Foreign Missions	$ 14,457.27	
To Christmas Offering	4,689.22	
Total Foreign Missions		$ 19,146.49
To Home Misions	$ 9,702.61	
To Home Mission Offering	1,298.26	
To Home Mission Boxes	2,282.65	
Total Home Missions		$ 13,283.52
To State Missions		$ 12,691.79
To Louisville Training School		4,628.59

To Sunday School Board		250.45
To Margaret Educational Fund		82.53
To Expense Fund		766.42
Total		$ 50,849.79
To Foreign Mission Debt	$ 3,897.59	
To Judson Centennial and Church Building and Loan Fund	4,984.39	
Total		$ 8,881.98
Grand total		$ 59,731.77

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WESLEY N. JONES, Pres.
MISS BERTHA CARROLL, Sec-Treas.
MRS. C. E. MASON, Y. W. A. Sec.
MISS ELIZABETH N. BRIGGS, Jr. Supt.

EXPENSE FUND—1916'17.

Balance onhand March 1, 1916		$ 258.58
Received for first quarter ending May 31, 1916		513.88
Received for second quarter ending August 31, 1916		214.21
Received for third quarter ending November 30, 1916		17.80
Received for fourth quarter ending February 28, 1917		20.53
Interest on deposit		1.07
Total		$1,026.07
Paid for office rent	$ 144.00	
for printing and stationery	20.70	
for typewriter	57.50	
for office supplies	6.95	
for publication of annual minutes	173.00	
to Edwards & Broughton for binding minutes	4.00	
to Carroll Advertising Company for multigraph work	2.50	
to Waston Picture Company	2.00	
to Tyree Studio	24.00	
to Hayes Studio for photograph of office	1.00	
to Southern Express Company	4.13	
to Telegraph Company	.39	
for flowers	15.26	
for Junior Programs	14.50	
for traveling expenses of President	30.00	
for traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary	49.70	

for traveling expenses of Junior Superintendent	20.00	
for traveling expenses of Y. W. A. Secretary	20.15	
to Mrs. J. J. Roddick, expenses to Associational meetings	8.50	
to Mrs. W. H. Woodall, expenses to Associational meetings	19.50	
to Dr. L. Johnson, expenses to Annual Meeting	10.00	
to Miss Katherine Johnson, for trip to Southern Baptist Convention	7.35	
to Miss Leonita Denmark for drawing	1.00	
to Mrs. H. T. Pope for trip to Wrightsville Assembly	1.25	
for Mission Magazines and Literature	7.49	
for Mission Study Books	3.93	
to Janitor	4.00	
Balance on hand March 1, 1917	373.27	
Total		$1,026.07

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA CARROLL, Secretary-Treasurer.

HONOR ROLL

SUNBEAMS AND ROYAL AMBASSADORS OF NORTH CAROLINA

1916-'17

GOLD STAR.

The following Bands and Chapters have reported each quarter:

Ashe Association—Beaver Creek.

Beulah—Lambeth Memorial, Roxboro.

Brunswick—Lebanon.

Brushy Mt.—North Wilkesboro.

Buncombe—Asheville, First, Biltmore, Riverside, R. A., Asheville, First.

Cape Fear-Columbus—Boardman.

Caldwell—Blair's Fork, Lenoir First, Lower Creek, Rhodhiss, Sardis.

Carolina—Hendersonville.

Central—Brassfield, Clement, Franklinton, Mt. Olivet, Raleigh, First, Wake Union, Wake Forest, Youngsville, R. A., Mt. Olivet.

Chowan—Belhaven, Blackwell Memorial, Edenton, Elizabeth City, First, Hertford, Manteo, Powell's Point, Riverside, Rocky Hock, Sawyer's Creek, Soundside, Travis, R. A., Blackwell Memorial, R. A., Sawyer's Creek.

Cumberland—Fayettville, First, Rockfish.

Eastern—Clinton, Delway, Evergreen, Johnson's, Magnolia, Mt. Olive, Oak Vale, Rose Hill, Turkey, Warsaw.

Flat River—Amis Chapel, Enon, Florence Avenue, Knott's Grove, Mt. Creek, Oxford.

Haywood—Waynesville.

Johnston—Clayton, Middlesex, Pisgah, Selma, Smithfield, R. A., Clayton.

King's Mt.—Boiling Springs, Cherryville, Double Springs, R. A., Boiling Springs.

Liberty—Lexington, Wallburg, Reeds.

Little River—Buie's Creeks.

Mecklenburg-Cabarrus—Friensdhip, Independence Hill, Matthews, McGill St., Ninth Avenue, R. A., McGill St.

Mt. Zion—East Durham, Mebane, Mt. Pisgah, Yates Chapel, R. A., West Durham.

Neuse-Atlantic—Beaufort, Davis, LaGrange, Maysville, Smyrna, Winterville.

Pee Dee—Morven, Rockingham, Wadesboro.

Piedmont—Greensboro, First, Ashboro St., Forest Avenue, Moore's chapel, R. A., Ashboro St., R. A., Greensboro, First.

Pilot Mt—Greenwood Ave.

Raleigh—Holly Springs, Shady Grove, Zebulon.

Roanoke—Greenville Memorial, Nashville, Rocky Mt.

Robeson—Ashpole, Back Swamp, Bethany, Big Branch, Great Marsh, Long Branch, Lumberton, East Lumberton, Proctorville, Raeford, Raft Swamp, Red Springs, Saddle Tree, Smyrna, St. Pauls, Tolarsville, R. A., Ashpole, R. A., Lumberton.

Sandy Creek—Aberdeen, Cameron, Carthage, Moncure, Sanford, Siler City, R. A., Carthage.

Sandy Run—Henrietta, Southern, Mt. Pleasant, Bostic, Caroleen, Cliffside, R. A., Cliffside.

South Fork—Gastonia, Hickory, High Shoals, Newton, Olivet.

South Yadkin—Salisbury, South River, Spencer, Statesville, First, Front Street, Western Ave.

South River—Salemburg.

Tar River—Advancefi Brown's, Cary's, Castalia, Harris, Henderson, Littleton, Macon, Warrenton, R. A., Littleton.

Union—Meadow Branch.

Wilmington—Burgaw, Calvary, Jacksonville, Sea Gate, Southside, Winter Park.

West Chowan—Ahoskie, Ashley's Bethlehem, Brantley's Buckhon, Chowan, Coleraine, Hebron, Holly Grove, Horton's, Kelford, Mt. Tabor, Rich Square, Sandy Run, Winton, R. A., Buckhorn, R. A., Coleraine, R. A., Seaboard.

Western North Carolina—Murphy.

SILVER STAR.

The following Bands and Chapters have reported three quarters:

Beulah—Yanceyville.

Brunswick—Mt. Pisgah, Southport, Mill Creek.

Brunswick—Mt. Pisgah, Southport, Mill Creek.

Cape Fear Columbus—Whiteville.

Caldwell—Lenoir, Second.

Carolina—R. A., Hendersonville.

Central—Perry's, Hughes, New Bethel, Oak Grove, R. A., Wake Forest.

Chowan—Corinth, Gatesville.

Cumberland—Green Springs, Cape Fear.

Eastern—Beulaville, Concord, Garland, Piney Grove, Faison.

Flat River—Island Creek, Mary's Chapel, Beulah, Grassy Creek, Knap of Reeds, Peace's Chapel.

Green River—Marion, Mt. Vernon, Rutherfordton.

Haywood—Judson Band.

Johnston—Four Oaks, R. A., Mt. Moriah.

King's Mt.—Elizabeth, Shelby, First.

Liberty—Thomasville, R. A., Lexington.

Little River—Coats.

Mecklenburg-Cabarrus—Charlotte, First Kannapolis, Pritchard Memorial, Stough Memorial.

Mt. Zion—Burlington, West Durham, Lystra, Olive Chapel, Durham, Second.

Neuse-Atlantic—Tabernacle, New Bern.

Pee Dee—Hamlet, Ellerbe.

Piedmont—High Point, Florida Avenue, Ramseur.

Pilot Mt.—North Winston, Winston-Salem, First, Brown Memorial, Kings.

Raleigh—Tabernacle, Apex.

Roanoke—Elm City, Weldon, Wilson.

Robeson—Broad Ridge, Ephesus, Mt. Elim, Oak Grove, Rozier, Baltimore, Maxton, R. A., St. Pauls.

Sandy Creek—Jonesboro.

Sandy Run—Forest City.

South Fork—Lincolnton, McAdenville, Belmont, Highland, Dallas, Loray, R. A., Hickory.

South Yadkin—Cool Sprinsg, New Hope.

Tar River—Norlina, R. A., Henderson, R. A., Louisburg.

Tennessee River—Bryson City.

Transylvania—Litle River.

Tuckaseigee—Sylva.

Union—Marshville.

Wilmingon—Wilmingon, Firs, Riverside, Delgado.

West Chowan—Askewville, Aulander, Cashie, Jackson, Severn, Meherrin, Powellsville, R. A., Askewville, R. A., Jackson.

Yadkin—East Bend.

BLUE STAR.

The following Bands and Chapters have reported two quarters:

Beulah—Rock Grove, Mill Creek.

Brunswick—Antioch, Cool Run.

Bladen—Bladenboro.

Cape Fear-Columbus—Cerro Gordo, Sweet Home.

Caldwell—Edgemont.

Carolina—Balfour.

Catawba—Morganton, First, Morganton, Second.

Chowan—Harrellsville, Roper, Ballard's Bridge.

Central—R. A., Hughes.

Cumberland—Cumberland Union.

Eastern—Kenansville, Corinth, New Hope, Rowan, Jones' Chapel, Calypso, R. A., Rose Hill.

Flat River—Tally Ho, Stovall, Tabb's Creek, Pleasant Grove, Corinth, Creedmoor, Olive Grove, Rock Springs.

Haywood—R. A., Waynesville.

Johnston—Wendell, Benson, Mt. Moriah, R. A., Benson.

King's Mt.—New Hope, Shelby, Second, Flint Hill, King's Mt., Waco, R. A., King's Mt.

Little River—Dunn.

Mecklenburg-Cabarrus—Allen St.

Mt. Zion—Bells, Durham, First, North Durham, Hillsboro, R. A., Durham, First.

Neuse-Atlantic—Kinston, New Bern, First, Ayden.

Pee Dee—Laurinburg.

Pilot Mt.—Leaksville, Spray, Smithfield, R. A., Leaksville.

Raleigh—Cary, Pullen Memorial, Green Level, R. A., Green Level.

Robeson—Beulah, Pleasant Hope, Rennert, Clyborn, Cedar Grove.

Sandy Creek—Bonlee, Bethlehem.

Sandy Run—Adaville, Shiloh, Sandy Run.

South Fork—Mt. Holly, East Gastonia, East Belmont, R. A., East Gastonia.

South Yadkin—Jerusalem, Mocksville, Cooleemee, R. A., Statesville, First.

South River—Spring Branch, Piney Green, Roseboro.

Tar River—New Bethel, Sulpher Springs, Bear Swamp, Louisburg, Joyner's Chapel, New Sandy Creek, Peachtree, Sharon.

Three Forks—Boone.

Tennessee River—Deep Creek.

Union—Monroe.

Wilmington—Willard, Watha, Caintuck, Wallace, Well's Chapel.

West Chowan—Conway, Lewiston, Mars Hill, Mt. Carmel, Murfreesboro, Christian Harbor, Harrellsville, Seaboard, St. John.

Yancey County—Burnsville.

RED STAR.

The following Bands and Chapters have reported one quater:

Beulah—Milton.

Brunswick—Bethel, Mt. Olive.

Brushy Mt.—Beaver Creek.

Buncombe—Ridgecrest, R. A., Ridgecrest.

Caldwell—Granite Falls.

Carolina—Zion Hill, Refuge.

Central—Hopkin's Chapel, Bayleaf, R. A., Oak Grove.

Chowan—Bethel, Ebeneezer, Providence, Reynoldson.

Cumberland—Fayetteville, Second, Cedar Falls, Steadman.

Cape Fear-Calumbus—China Grove.

Eastern—Ppolar Grove, Dobb's Chapel, White Oak, Mt. Gilead, Sharon, Bay Leaf.

Flat River—Bullock, Bethany, Fellowship, Hester's, Mt. Zion, Dexter.

Johnston—Shiloh, R. A., Four Oaks, R. A., Selma.
Kings' Mt.—Grover, New Bethel, R. A., Grover.
Liberty—Holloway's.
Mecklenburg-Cabarrus—Chadwick, Oak Grove, Cornelius.
Mt. Zion—Merry Oaks.
Montgomery—Biscoe, Laurel Hill, Stoney Fork, R. A., Star.
Neuse-Atlantic—Swansboro, R. A., New Bern, First, R. A., Beaufort.
Pee Dee—Peachland, Cartledge's Creek; Spring Hill, R. A., Laurinburg.
Piedmont—Magnolia St.
Pilot Mt.—Dan Valley, Pilot Mt.
Raleigh—Garner.
Roanoke—Oakton, Hamilton, Spring Hope.
Robeson—West Lumberton, Oakdale, Clyborn, Pleasant Grove, Raynham, Barnesville.
Sandy Creek—Mt. Olive.
Sandy Run—Mt. Pleasant (C), R. A., Mt. Pleasant (C).
South Fork—Lincoln Ave., Clara Mill, R. A., Belmont.
South Yadkin—Rockwell, Bethel, Mooresville, China Grove, Chestnut Hill, Statesville, Second, R. A., Salisbury.
South River—Corinth, White Oak, Southern, R. A., Salemburg.
Tar River—Cypress Chapel, Maple Springs, Gardner's, Vaughan.
Tennessee River—White Pine.
Transylvania—Enon, Zion, Glady Branch, Mt. Moriah.
Tuckaseigee—Scott's Creek.
Union—Corinth, Shiloh.
Wilmington—Atkinson, Masonboro.
West Chowan—Creekville, Elam, Masonboro, Connaritsa, Republican, Woodland, Bethany, R. A., Ahoskie.
Yadkin—Forbush, Yadkinville.

Total Number Reporting	Bands	R. A. Chapters
Gold Star	167	18
Silver Star	92	11
Blue Star	98	10
Red Star	94	14
Total	451	53

Total amounts reported—Sunbeams, $4,767.23. Average per Band, $10.57. Royal Ambassadors, $559.82. Average per Chapter, $10.56.

BANDS AND CHAPTERS LEADING THE STATE, 1916-'17.

Sunbeams.

Lumberton, First, $135.12; Asheville, First, $129.68; Ashboro St., Greensboro, $103.25; Hickory, $99.71; Rocky Mt., $87.50; Brown Memorial, Winston-Salem, $72.53.

Royal Ambassadors.

Asheville, First, $132.06; Lumberton, First, $36.28; Sawyer's Creek, $30.44; Asheboro St., Greensboro, $27.55; Greensboro, Fi,rst, $25.34; Buckhorn, $23.70.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE DISTIONS—1916-'17.

HONOR ROLL.

W. M. S.

Cary, Bryson City, Beaufort, Oxford, Winter Park, Southside, Willard, Wallace, Burgaw, South River, Winston-Salem, First Church, Brown Memorial, Greenwood Avenue, Mt. Airy, Leaksville, King, Mayodan, Winston, First Church, Salemburg.

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Earnest Workers, Durham, First Church, Raleigh, First Church, Salem, Meredith College, Chowan College.

SUNBEAMS.

Oxford, Youngsville, Yanceyville, Lambeth Memorial, Calvary, Salemburg.

CLASS A.

W. M. S.

Louisburg, New Bethel, Centerville, New Hope, Eatons, Mooresville, Wilmington First Church, Seagate, Snead's Ferry, Canetuck Chapel, Waynesville, Franklinton, Raleigh First Church, Youngsville, Charlotte First Church, Pritchard Memorial, Enon, Florence Ave., Creedmoor, Antioch, Angier, Coats, Holy Springs, (Little River), Lillington, Friendship, Maysville, New Bern Tabernacle, Oriental, Sylva, Deep Creek, Riverside (Buncombe), Ridgecrest, Wilson, Scotland Neck, Weldon, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Blackwell Memorial, Edenton, Hertford, Hendersonville First Church, Durham First Church, Bethel, North Durham, East Durham, West Durham, Lystra, Red Mountain, Olive's Chapel, Second Durham, Hillsboro, Mt. Gilead, Graham, Mebane, Burlington, Edgemont, Back Swamp, Bethany, Raeford, St. Pauls.

Y. W. A.

Salemburg, Burgaw (G. A.), Willing Workers, Oxford, Coats, Edenton, Hendersonville First Church (G. A.), Earnest Workers Durham First Church, Eliza Yates Raleigh First Church.

SUNBEAMS.

White Oak, Harris Chapel, Waynesville, Brassfield, Buie's Creek, Coats, Mebane, North Durham.

CLASS B.

W. M S.

Lumberton First Church, Ashpole, Long Branch, Antioch,

Carboro, Chapel Hill, Bells, Andrews, Murphy, Elizabeth Sity First Church, Reynoldson, Asheville First Church, Calvary, French Broad, North Asheville, West End, Cullowhee, Beta, Oak Grove, Perry's Chapel, Wakefield, Roxboro, Youngsville, Mt. Olive, Clinton, Jacksonville, Rockwell, China Grove, Sanford, Aberdeen, Bonlee, Brush Creek, Cameron, Carthage, Siler City.

Y. W. A.

Edgemont, Olive Chapel Asheville First Church, Pritchard Memorial (G. A.), Charlotte First Church, Wake Forest, Clinton, Magnolia, Carthage, Sanford.

SUNBEAMS.

Beaufort, Smyrna, Enon, Island Creek, Franklinton, Hopkin's Chapel, Raleigh First Church, Henderson, White Oak, Bonlee, Aberdeen.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Henderson, Carthage.

CLASS C.

W. M. S.

Bethel (South Yadkin), Cooleemee, Spencer, Watha, Oak Vale, Magnolia, Johnson's, Beaulah Chapel, Rose Hill, Milton, Providence, Bayleaf, Brassfield, Mt. Olivet, Ninth Avenue Charlotte, Allen Street, Kannapolis, Mary's Chapel, Mountain Creek, Island Creek, Grassy Creek, Stovall, Kinston, Gatesville, Manteo, East Flat Rock, Refuge, Cedar Fork, Lowe's Grove, Yates, Raft Swamp, Rozier, Red Springs.

Y. W. A.

Clements, Wake Forest (G. A.), Pritchard Memorial, Allen Street, (G. A.), French Broad, (G. A.).

SUNBEAMS.

Cary Chapel, Magnolia, Evergreen, Rose Hill, Delway, Johnson's, Mt. Olive, Oak Grove, Mt. Olivet, New Bethel, Wake Forest, Amis Chapel, Mountain Creek, French Broad, Belhaven, Sawyer's Creek, Durham First hurch.

Mt. Olivet, Ridgecrest, Sawyer's Creek.

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Association	No. Churches	No. Societies	No. Women in Churches	No. Members Societies	No. Churches With no Missionary Soc.	Soc. Organized 1916-'17	Letters and Postals Written	Miles Traveled	Was an Asso. Meeting Held	No. Soc. Represented	No. Soc. Having Some Form of Per. Service	No. Soc. Having Miss. Study Class	No. Soc. Observing Weeks of Prayer	No. Foreign Miss. Offering	No. Home Miss. Off.	No. St. Miss. Off.	No. Subscriptions to H. and F. Fields	No. Subcriptions to Royal Service	No. Subscr. to the Biblical Recorder	Pts. in Asso. St. of Ex.	Contribution	Time and Place of Next Meeting
Ashe	34	2	1,000	50	33	---	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	$ 15.15	
Beulah	22	19	1,419	150	8	4	54	84	yes	8	4	1	1	2	2	2	40	10	---	6	341.39	
Bladen	27	6	1,100	100	23	1	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	57.46	
Brushy Mt.	24	7	1,635	140	19	1	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	122.22	
Brunswick	25	31	1,292	500	13	7	81	295	yes	15	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	207.17	August 29-30, Mt. Pisgah (Supply)
Buncombe	36	35	2,065	792	19	7	153	165	yes	11	16	7	10	9	6	10	98	75	---	5	2,520.60	July 26, Antioch (Democrat)
Caldwell	41	18	2,500	370	32	7	123	171	yes	13	1	2	4	5	3	5	20	50	20	7	204.40	September 13, Lower Creek
Cape F.-Columbus	38	9	2,500	157	29	1	17	----	no	---	---	2	2	---	---	2	51	----	---	---	216.42	Hallsboro, Bogue Chapel
Carolina	41	18	2,000	315	17	9	110	63	yes	6	18	3	3	5	3	3	45	35	25	6	311.06	September 5, Tuxedo
Catawba River	20	9	1,296	200	13	2	43	36	yes	6	1	---	1	3	1	1	25	5	---	5	210.15	October 6, Morganton
Central	31	57	3,002	1,560	3	9	338	108	yes	35	17	21	40	23	17	22	94	158	---	8	3,953.75	September 1 and 2, Flat Rock
Chowan	60	56	5,000	1,269	28	2	500	75	yes	40	8	6	18	21	15	20	230	89	---	6	1,994.18	September, Riverside
Cumberland	29	27	1,650	400	13	2	80	132	yes	---	---	5	6	6	2	3	6	40	---	7	534.17	September 30, Cumberland Union
Eastern	39	65	2,384	1,290	29	4	1,027	668	yes	36	7	1	7	46	48	27	127	68	---	9	1,334.44	August 22-23, Clinton
Flat River	33	45	3,200	1,200	3	22	304	754	yes	42	7	6	6	10	4	8	75	200	---	8	1,445.53	September 6 and 7, Knott's Grove
French Broad	31	6	1,700	70	26	1	75	----	yes	4	2	1	2	3	4	3	35	5	---	6	88.22	August 10, California Church
Green River	46	17	3,000	200	36	3	----	----	yes	13	---	---	---	---	10	---	----	----	---	---	326.99	Mt. Vernon
Haywood County	21	12	1,135	200	15	1	119	75	yes	12	3	3	4	8	7	3	27	28	---	6	309.11	Waynesville
Johnston County	44	39	2,719	625	24	14	265	50	yes	30	20	5	9	11	9	13	100	76	---	8	894.78	November 14, Selma
Liberty	25	19	1,600	226	9	2	128	82	yes	16	4	2	7	---	---	8	74	115	---	7	757.03	September 19-20, Thomasville
Liberty-Ducktown	38	1	1,500	25	37	---	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	1.00	
King's Mt.	41	37	2,500	500	20	7	----	----	yes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	723.20	
Little River	27	21	2,174	280	16	4	156	140	yes	8	1	2	3	10	---	3	60	30	---	6	435.08	September 5 and 6, Coats
Meck.-Cabarrus	28	42	3,100	859	8	5	75	52	yes	24	12	3	18	18	14	17	95	123	---	6	2,909.71	Third week in November, Kannapolis
Montgomery	22	12	800	100	14	---	40	60	yes	7	---	---	2	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	247.10	April 11, Biscoe
Mt. Zion	46	57	5,000	700	14	5	150	200	yes	21	8	5	15	25	25	20	25	50	---	9	2,995.03	September --, Yates
Neuse-Atlantic	64	53	2,643	613	11	3	308	100	yes	---	15	11	11	11	7	12	61	136	106	8	1,735.24	Second week in November, New Bern
Pee Dee	22	27	1,400	400	6	3	----	----	yes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	1,620.49	

Piedmont	37	35	2,991	728	22	4	153	58	yes	26	8	8	7	7	7	7	119	72	---	4	1,998.49	Green Street (High Point) July 24
Pilot Mt.	64	38	3,500	500	45	6	150	500	yes	16	2	7	7	8	8	8	100	100	---	7	2,479.45	Greenwood Avenue (W.-Salem)
Raleigh	33	36	3,406	900	12	9	203	358	yes	32	9	6	6	6	6	4	41	50	---	---	2,306.06	Second week in September, Cary
Roanoke	63	63	3,800	395	27	5	265	----	yes	12	5	7	12	17	10	10	160	75	---	8	2,108.76	September 4-5, Nashville
Robeson	51	78	2,900	650	21	6	----	400	yes	21	10	8	9	11	9	10	112	70	---	8	2,252.48	October--, Lumber Bridge
Sandy Creek	50	35	2,960	696	28	---	200	124	yes	19	11	5	13	14	11	14	75	66	---	7	1,053.52	June 6-7, ~~Bethany~~ Silk City
Sandy Run	38	36	5,061	526	21	9	172	72	yes	17	4	4	5	9	3	3	6	49	---	---	781.71	September 8, Green's Creek
South Fork	56	45	3,500	300	37	7	208	302	yes	---	5	3	---	10	45	---	----	----	---	8	1,647.36	October 9 and 10, Lincolnton
South River	29	29	1,776	466	10	5	162	184	yes	12	3	2	4	6	4	9	15	6	---	---	409.03	Baptist Chapel
South Yadkin	42	36	2,786	340	22	5	180	----	yes	13	5	4	---	15	---	24	38	12	---	8	1,152.20	Third week in July, Spencer
Stanly	30	2	1,800	50	28	---	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	81.85	
Surry	33	5	1,200	70	28	4	30	75	yes	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	----	7	---	---	49.40	August 17, Calvary (Mt Airy)
Tar River	58	80	4,417	1,600	4	16	582	1,040	yes	35	40	6	11	7	4	16	23	237	---	8	1,544.57	September ~~6-7~~, Harriss' Chapel 11 "
Tenn. River	43	8	2,089	200	38	4	64	656	yes	6	5	1	2	2	2	2	23	28	35	7	168.43	July 21, Almond
Three Forks	36	6	2,095	70	32	2	20	15	yes	2	---	---	---	2	---	1	3	19	13	---	71.71	September 7, Boone
Transylvania	16	17	727	225	6	5	80	100	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	73.40	October 17, Brevard
Tuckaseigee	25	6	1,500	150	19	2	114	50	yes	4	3	2	2	5	4	4	4	14	---	7	125.71	August 18, Shoal Creek
Union	40	14	2,900	225	30	4	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	530.05	
West Chowan	58	110	7,593	2,980	6	4	251	104	yes	25	10	15	15	20	20	20	181	88	---	5	3,941.75	July 25, Severn
Western N. C.	21	3	1,500	30	18	2	3	----	no	---	2	1	2	2	2	2	10	1	---	---	90.51	Andrews
Wilmington	34	47	3,067	1,00	12	6	113	176	yes	23	20	5	15	18	16	20	73	88	---	7	1,241.39	Second week in September, Jacksonville
Yadkin	27	9	2,030	212	22	3	45	----	yes	6	3	---	---	2	1	1	12	12	---	---	119.73	July 16-17, Enon
Yancey	34	3	1,700	60	33	1	----	----	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	62.00	
Totals	1873	1488	126,612	25,664	1039	235	7,061	7,392	41	619	284	166	277	377	329	337	2,276	2,247	199	212	$50.849.79	

N. B.—A few of the above figures are approximate.

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